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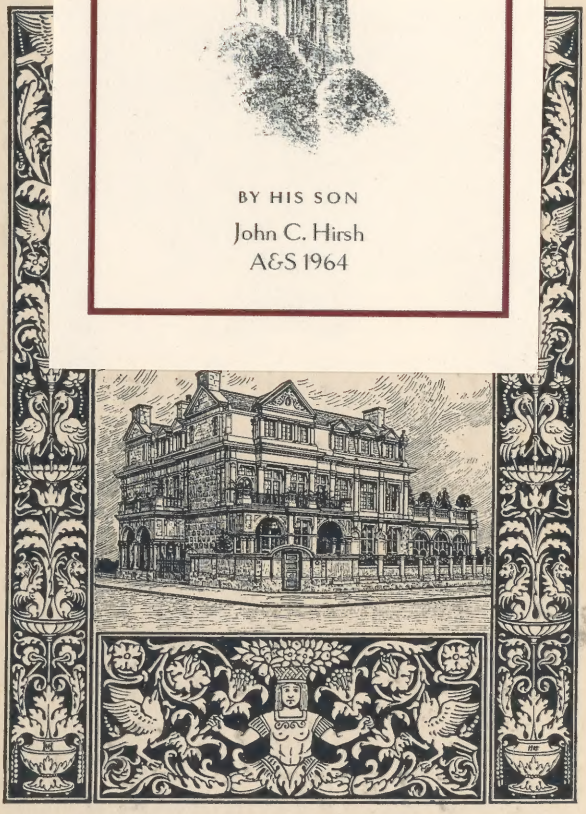

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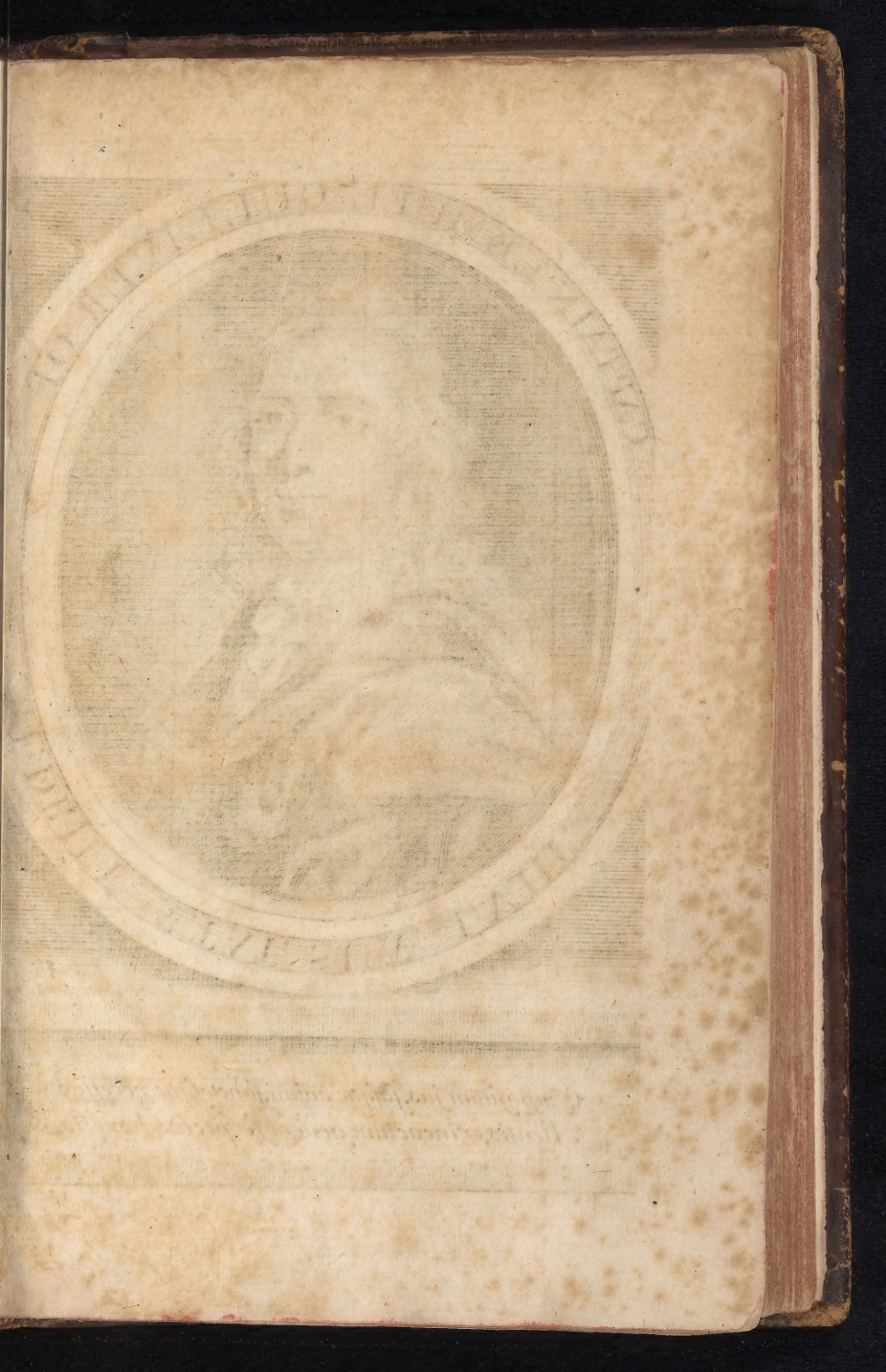

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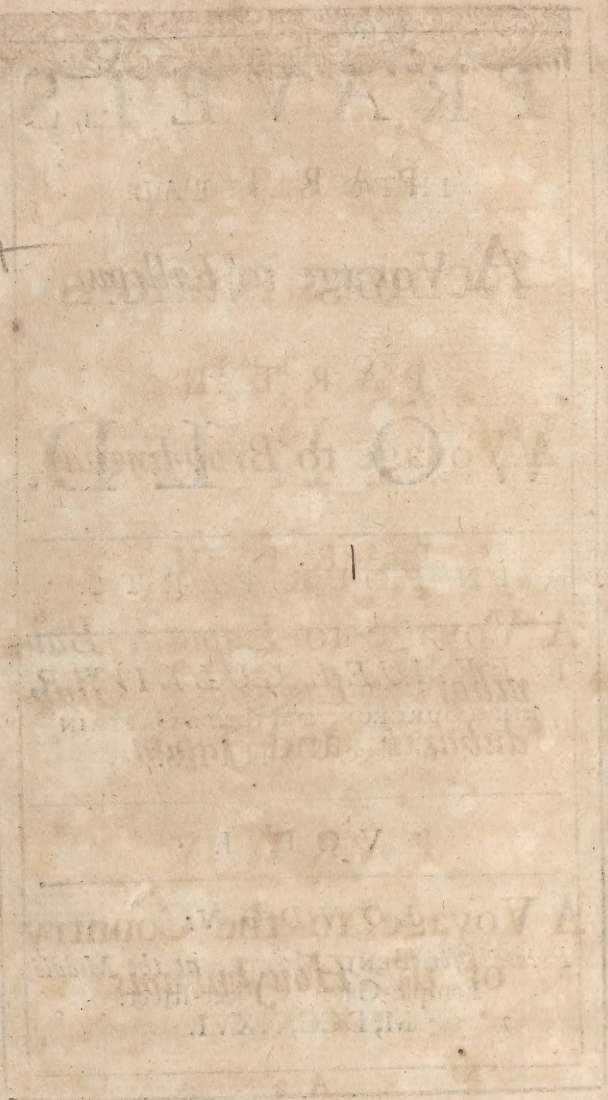

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THE PUBLISHER TO THE READER.

THE Author of these Travels, Mr. *Lemuel Gulliver*, is my antient and intimate Friend; there is likewise some Relation between us by the Mother's Side. About three years ago, Mr. *Gulliver* growing weary of the Concourse of curious

curious People coming to him at his Houſe in *Redriff*, made a ſmall Purchaſe of Land, with a convenient Houſe, near *Newark* in *Nottinghamſhire*, his native Country; where he now lives retired, yet in good eſteem among his Neighbours.

ALTHOUGH Mr. *Gulliver* was born in *Nottinghamſhire*, where his Father dwelt, yet I have heard him ſay his Family came from *Oxfordſhire*; to confirm which, I have obſerved in the Church-yard at *Banbury*, in that County, ſeveral Tombs and Monuments of the *Gullivers*.

BEFORE he quitted *Redriff*, he left the Cuſtody of the following Papers in my Hands, with the liberty to

disposse of them as I should think fit. I have carefully perused them three times: The Style is very plain and simple; and the only Fault I find is, that the Author, after the manner of Travellers, is a little too circumstantial. There is an Air of Truth apparent through the Whole; and indeed, the Author was so distinguished for his Veracity, that it became a sort of Proverb among his Neighbours at *Redriff*, when any one affirm'd a thing, to say it was as true as if Mr. *Gulliver* had spoke it.

By the Advice of several worthy Persons, to whom, with the Author's Permission, I communicated these Papers, I now venture to send them into

into the World, hoping they may be, at leaſt for ſome time, a better Entertainment to our young Noblemen, than the common Scriblers of Politicks and Party.

THIS Volume would have been at leaſt twice as large, if I had not made bold to ſtrike out innumerable Paſſages relating to the Winds and Tides, as well as to the Variations and Bearings in the ſeveral Voyages; together with the minute Deſcriptions of the Management of the Ship in Storms, in the Style of Sailors: Likewiſe the account of the Longitudes and Latitudes; wherein I have Reaſon to apprehend that Mr. *Gulliver* may be a little diſſatisfied: But I was reſolved to fit the Work

as much as poſſible to the general Capacity of Readers. However, if my own Ignorance in Sea-Affairs ſhall have led me to commit ſome Miſtakes, I alone am anſwerable for them: And if any Traveller hath a Curioſity to ſee the whole Work at large, as it came from the Hand of the Author, I ſhall be ready to gratify him.

As for any further Particulars relating to the Author, the Reader will receive Satisfaction from the firſt Pages of the Book.

RICHARD SYMPSON.

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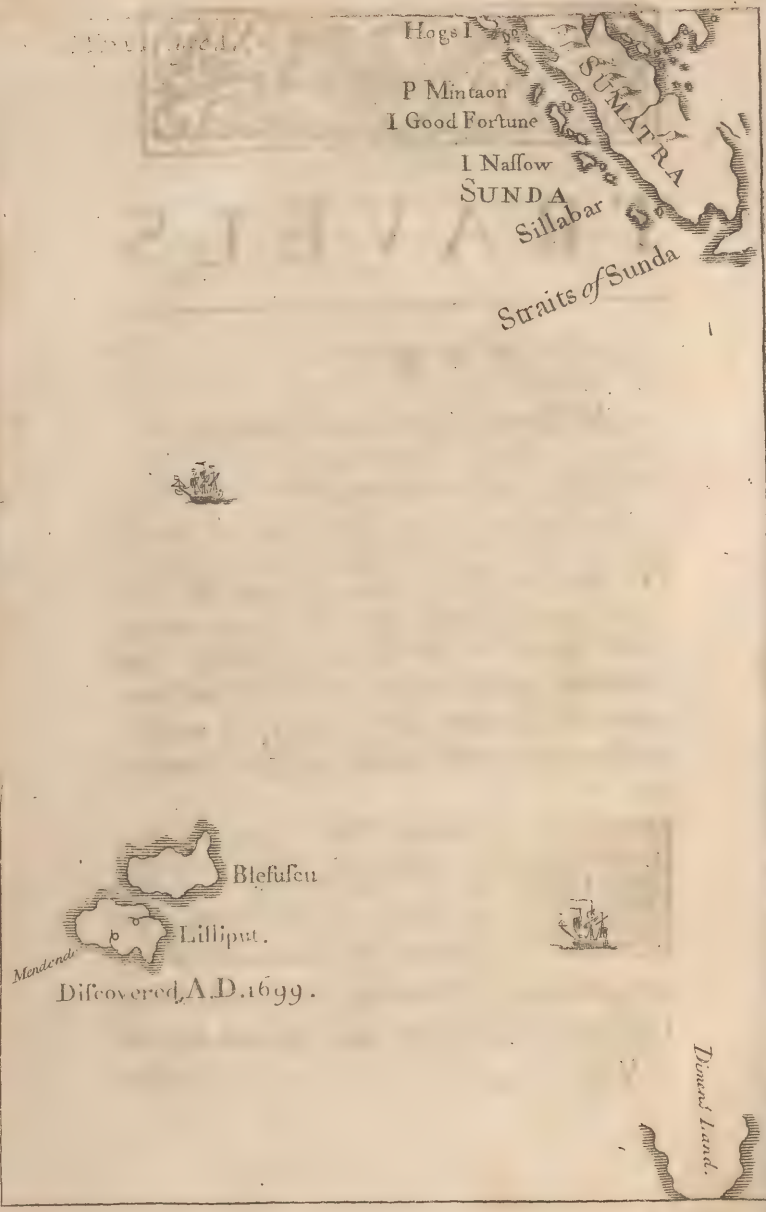
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CHAP. I.

The Author gives some Account of himself and Family, his first Inducements to travel. He is shipwrecked, and swims for his Life, gets safe on shoar in the Country of Lilliput, *is made a Prisoner, and carried up the Country.*

MY Father had a small Estate in *Nottinghamshire*; I was the third of five Sons. He sent me to *Emanuel College* in *Cambridge*, at fourteen years old, where I resided three years, and applied my self

close to my Studies; but the Charge of maintaining me (although I had a very scanty Allowance) being too great for a narrow Fortune, I was bound Apprentice to Mr. *James Bates*, an eminent Surgeon in *London*, with whom I continued four years; and my Father now and then sending me small Sums of Money, I laid them out in learning Navigation, and other Parts of the Mathematicks, useful to those who intend to travel, as I always believed it would be some time or other my fortune to do. When I left Mr. *Bates*, I went down to my Father; where, by the Assistance of him and my Uncle *John*, and some other Relations, I got forty Pounds, and a Promise of thirty Pounds a year to maintain me at *Leyden*: There I studied Physick two years and seven months, knowing it would be useful in long Voyages.

SOON after my Return from *Leyden*, I was recommended by my good Master Mr. *Bates*, to be Surgeon to the *Swallow*,

low, Captain *Abraham Pannell* Commander; with whom I continued three years and a half, making a Voyage or two into the *Levant*, and ſome other Parts. When I came back, I reſolved to ſettle in *London*, to which Mr. *Bates*, my Maſter, encouraged me, and by him I was recommended to ſeveral Patients. I took Part of a ſmall Houſe in the *Old Jury*; and being adviſed to alter my Condition, I married Mrs. *Mary Burton*, ſecond Daughter to Mr. *Edmond Burton* Hoſier in *Newgate-Street*, with whom I received four hundred Pounds for a Portion.

BUT, my good Maſter *Bates* dying in two Years after, and I having few Friends, my Buſineſs began to fail; for my Conſcience would not ſuffer me to imitate the bad Practice of too many among my Brethren. Having therefore conſulted with my Wife, and ſome of my Acquaintance, I determined to go again to Sea. I was Surgeon ſucceſſively in two Ships. and made ſeveral Voyages, for ſix Years,

to the *East* and *West-Indies*, by which I got some addition to my Fortune. My hours of Leisure I spent in reading the best Authors, antient and modern, being always provided with a good number of Books; and when I was ashore, in observing the Manners and Dispositions of the People, as well as learning their Language, wherein I had a great facility by the strength of my Memory.

THE last of these Voyages not proving very fortunate, I grew weary of the Sea, and intended to stay at home with my Wife and Family. I removed from the *Old Jury* to *Fetter-Lane*, and from thence to *Wapping*, hoping to get Business among the Sailors; but it would not turn to account. After three years Expectation that things would mend, I accepted an advantageous Offer from Captain *William Prichard*, Master of the *Antelope*, who was making a Voyage to the *South-Sea*. We set sail from *Bristol*, *May* 4th, 1699, and our Voyage at first was very prosperous. IT

It would not be proper, for ſome Reaſons, to trouble the Reader with the Particulars of our Adventures in thoſe Seas: Let it ſuffice to inform him, that in our Paſſage from thence to the *Eaſt-Indies*, we were driven by a violent Storm to the Northweſt of *Van Diemen's* Land. By an Obſervation, we found ourſelves in the Latitude of 30 degrees 2 minutes South. Twelve of our Crew were dead by immoderate Labour, and ill Food, the reſt were in a very weak condition. On the fifth of *November*, which was the beginning of Summer in thoſe Parts, the Weather being very hazy, the Seamen ſpied a Rock, within half a Cable's length of the Ship; but the Wind was ſo ſtrong, that we were driven directly upon it, and immediately ſplit. Six of the Crew, of whom I was one, having let down the Boat into the Sea, made a ſhift to get clear of the Ship, and the Rock. We rowed, by my computation, about three Leagues, till we were able to work no

longer, being already ſpent with Labour while we were in the Ship. We therefore truſted our ſelves to the Mercy of the Waves, and in about half an hour the Boat was over-ſet by a ſudden Flurry from the North. What became of my Companions in the Boat, as well as of thoſe who eſcaped on the Rock, or were left in the Veſſel, I cannot tell; but conclude they were all loſt. For my own part, I ſwam as Fortune directed me, and was puſhed forward by Wind and Tide. I often let my Legs drop, and could feel no bottom: But when I was almoſt gone, and able to ſtruggle no longer, I found myſelf within my Depth; and by this time the Storm was much abated. The Declivity was ſo ſmall, that I walked near a mile before I got to the Shore, which I conjectur'd was about eight a-clock in the Evening. I then advanced forward near half a mile, but could not diſcover any ſign of Houſes or Inhabitants; at leaſt I was in ſo weak a Condition that I did not obſerve them. I was extremely tired,

tired, and with that, and the heat of the Weather, and about half a Pint of Brandy that I drank as I left the Ship, I found my ſelf much inclined to ſleep. I lay down on the graſs, which was very ſhort and ſoft, where I ſlept ſounder than ever I remember to have done in my Life, and, as I reckoned, about nine hours; for when I awaked, it was juſt day-light. I attempted to riſe, but was not able to ſtir: For as I happen'd to lie on my Back, I found my Arms and Legs were ſtrongly faſtened on each ſide to the Ground; and my Hair, which was long and thick, tied down in the ſame manner. I likewiſe felt ſeveral ſlender Ligatures acroſs my Body, from my Armpits to my Thighs. I could only look upwards, the Sun began to grow hot, and the Light offended mine Eyes. I heard a confuſed Noiſe about me, but in the Poſture I lay, could ſee nothing except the Sky. In a little time I felt ſomething alive moving on my left Leg, which advancing gently forward over my Breaſt,

came almoſt up to my Chin; when bending mine Eyes downwards as much as I could, I perceived it to be a human Creature not ſix inches high, with a Bow and Arrow in his Hands, and a Quiver at his Back. In the mean time, I felt at leaſt forty more of the ſame kind (as I conjectured) following the firſt. I was in the utmoſt Aſtoniſhment, and roared ſo loud, that they all ran back in a fright; and ſome of them, as I was afterwards told, were hurt with the Falls they got by leaping from my ſides upon the Ground. However, they ſoon returned, and one of them, who ventured ſo far as to get a full ſight of my Face, lifting up his Hands and Eyes by Way of Admiration, cryed out in a ſhrill, but diſtinct Voice, *Hekinah Degul:* The others repeated the ſame Words ſeveral times, but I then knew not what they meant. I lay all this while, as the Reader may believe, in great Uneaſineſs: at length, ſtruggling to get looſe, I had the fortune to break the Strings, and wrench out the Pegs that faſtened my

left Arm to the Ground; for, by lifting it up to my Face, I diſcover'd the Methods they had taken to bind me, and, at the ſame time, with a violent pull, which gave me exceſſive Pain, I a little looſened the ſtrings that tied down my Hair on the left ſide, ſo that I was juſt able to turn my Head about two inches. But the Creatures ran off a ſecond time, before I could ſeize them; whereupon there was a great Shout in a very ſhrill Accent, and after it ceaſed, I heard one of them cry aloud, *Tolgo Phonac*; when in an inſtant I felt above an hundred Arrows diſcharged on my left Hand, which pricked me like ſo many needles; and beſides they ſhot another Flight into the Air, as we do Bombs in *Europe*, whereof many, I ſuppoſe, fell on my Body, (though I felt them not) and ſome on my Face, which I immediately covered with my left Hand. When this ſhower of Arrows was over, I fell a groaning with Grief and Pain, and then ſtriving again to get looſe, they diſcharged an-

other Volly larger than the firſt, and ſome of them attempted with Spears to ſtick me in the Sides; but, by good luck, I had on me a Buff Jerkin, which they could not pierce. I thought it the moſt prudent Method to lie ſtill, and my deſign was to continue ſo till Night, when my left Hand being already looſe, I could eaſily free my ſelf: And as for the Inhabitants, I had reaſon to believe I might be a match for the greateſt Armies they could bring againſt me, if they were all of the ſame Size with him that I ſaw. But Fortune diſpoſed otherwiſe of me. When the People obſerved I was quiet, they diſcharged no more Arrows: But by the Noiſe I heard, I knew their Numbers encreaſed; and about four Yards from me, over-againſt my right Ear, I heard a knocking for above an hour, like that of People at work; when turning my Head that way as well as the Pegs and Strings would permit me, I ſaw a Stage erected, about a foot and a half from the Ground, capable of holding

ing four of the Inhabitants, with two or three Ladders to mount it: From whence one of them, who ſeemed to be a Perſon of Quality, made me a long Speech, whereof I underſtood not one Syllable. But I ſhould have mentioned, that before the principal Perſon began his Oration, he cried out three times, *Langro Dehul ſan:* (theſe words and the former were afterwards repeated and explained to me.) Whereupon immediately about fifty of the Inhabitants came and cut the ſtrings that faſtened the left Side of my Head, which gave me the Liberty of turning it to the right, and of obſerving the Perſon and Geſture of him that was to ſpeak. He appeared to be of a middle Age, and taller than any of the other three who attended him, whereof one was a Page that held up his Train, and ſeemed to be ſomewhat longer than my middle Finger; the other two ſtood one on each ſide to ſupport him. He acted every Part of an Orator, and I could obſerve many Periods of Threatnings,

and others of Promiſes, Pity and Kindneſs. I anſwered in a few words, but in the moſt ſubmiſſive manner, lifting up my left Hand and both mine Eyes to the Sun, as calling him for a Witneſs; and being almoſt famiſhed with Hunger, having not eaten a Morſel for ſome hours before I left the Ship, I found the demands of Nature ſo ſtrong upon me, that I could not forbear ſhewing my Impatience (perhaps againſt the ſtrict rules of Decency) by putting my Finger frequently on my Mouth, to ſignify that I wanted Food. The *Hurgo* (for ſo they call a great Lord, as I afterwards learnt) underſtood me very well. He deſcended from the Stage, and commanded that ſeveral Ladders ſhould be applied to my Sides, on which above an hundred of the Inhabitants mounted, and walked towards my Mouth, laden with baskets full of Meat, which had been provided and ſent thither by the King's Orders, upon the firſt intelligence he received of me. I obſerv'd there was the Fleſh of ſeveral Animals,

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but could not distinguish them by the taste. There were Shoulders, Legs and Loins shaped like those of Mutton, and very well dressed, but smaller than the Wings of a Lark. I eat them by two or three at a mouthful, and took three Loaves at a time, about the Bigness of Musket Bullets. They supplied me as they could, shewing a thousand marks of wonder and astonishment at my Bulk and Appetite. I then made another sign that I wanted Drink. They found by my eating, that a small Quantity would not suffice me, and being a most ingenious People, they slung up with great dexterity one of their largest Hogsheads, then rolled it towards my Hand, and beat out the top; I drank it off at a Draught, which I might well do, for it did not hold half a pint, and tasted like a small Wine of *Burgundy*, but much more delicious. They brought me a second Hogshead, which I drank in the same manner, and made signs for more, but they had none to give me. When I had performed these

Wonders,

Wonders, they ſhouted for Joy, and danced upon my Breaſt, repeating ſeveral times as they did at firſt, *Hekinah Degul.* They made me a ſign that I ſhould throw down the two Hogſheads, but firſt warning the People below to ſtand out of the way, crying aloud, *Borach Mivola,* and when they ſaw the Veſſels in the Air, there was an univerſal ſhout of *Hekinah Degul.* I confeſs I was often tempted, while they were paſſing backwards and forwards on my Body, to ſeize forty or fifty of the firſt that came in my reach, and daſh them againſt the Ground. But the Remembrance of what I had felt, which probably might not be the worſt they could do, and the Promiſe of Honour I made them, for ſo I interpreted my ſubmiſſive Behaviour, ſoon drove out theſe Imaginations. Beſides, I now conſider'd my ſelf as bound by the Laws of Hoſpitality to a People who had treated me with ſo much Expence and Magnificence. However, in my Thoughts, I could not ſufficiently wonder at the Intrepidity

trepidity of these diminutive Mortals, who durst venture to mount and walk upon my Body, while one of my Hands was at liberty, without trembling at the very sight of so prodigious a Creature as I must appear to them. After some time, when they observed that I made no more demands for Meat, there appeared before me a Person of high Rank from his Imperial Majesty. His Excellency having mounted on the small of my right Leg, advanced forwards up to my Face, with about a dozen of his Retinue. And producing his Credentials under the Signet Royal, which he applied close to mine Eyes, spoke about ten Minutes, without any signs of Anger, but with a kind of determinate Resolution; often pointing forwards, which, as I afterwards found, was towards the capital City, about half a mile distant, whither it was agreed by his Majesty in Council that I must be conveyed. I answered in few words, but to no purpose, and made a Sign with my Hand that was loose, putting it to the other

other (but over his Excellency's Head, for fear of hurting him or his Train) and then to my own Head and Body, to ſignify that I deſired my Liberty. It appeared that he underſtood me well enough, for he ſhook his Head by way of Diſapprobation, and held his Hand in a poſture to ſhew that I muſt be carried as a Priſoner. However, he made other ſigns to let me underſtand that I ſhould have Meat and Drink enough, and very good Treatment. Whereupon I once more thought of attempting to break my Bonds, but again, when I felt the Smart of their Arrows, upon my Face and Hands, which were all in Bliſters, and many of the Darts ſtill ſticking in them, and obſerving likewiſe that the Number of my Enemies encreaſed, I gave tokens to let them know that they might do with me what they pleaſed. Upon this the *Hurgo* and his Train withdrew with much Civility and chearful Countenances. Soon after I heard a general Shout, with frequent repetitions of the Words, *Peplom Selan*, and

I felt

I felt great Numbers of the People on my Left Side relaxing the Cords to ſuch a degree, that I was able to turn upon my Right, and to eaſe myſelf with making Water; which I very plentifully did, to the great Aſtoniſhment of the People, who conjecturing by my Motions what I was going to do, immediately opened to the right and left on that ſide to avoid the Torrent which fell with ſuch noiſe and violence from me. But before this, they had dawbed my Face and both my Hands with a ſort of Ointment very pleaſant to the Smell, which in a few Minutes removed all the Smart of their Arrows. Theſe Circumſtances, added to the Refreſhment I had received by their Victuals and Drink, which were very nouriſhing, diſpoſed me to ſleep. I ſlept about eight Hours, as I was afterwards aſſured; and it was no wonder, for the Phyſicians, by the Emperor's Order, had mingled a ſleepy Potion in the Hogſheads of Wine.

IT ſeems that upon the firſt Moment I was diſcovered ſleeping on the ground after my landing, the Emperor had early notice of it by an Expreſs; and determined in Council that I ſhould be tied in the manner I have related, (which was done in the night while I ſlept) that Plenty of Meat and Drink ſhould be ſent to me, and a Machine prepared to carry me to the capital City.

THIS Reſolution perhaps may appear very bold and dangerous, and I am confident would not be imitated by any Prince in *Europe* on the like Occaſion; however, in my opinion, it was extremely prudent as well as generous: For ſuppoſing theſe People had endeavour'd to kill me with their Spears and Arrows while I was aſleep, I ſhould certainly have awaked with the firſt ſenſe of Smart, which might ſo far have rouzed my Rage and Strength, as to have enabled me to break the Strings wherewith I was tied; after which, as they

they were not able to make Reſiſtance, ſo they could expect no Mercy.

THESE People are moſt excellent Mathematicians, and arriv'd to a great Perfection in Mechanicks, by the Countenance and Encouragement of the Emperor, who is a renowned Patron of Learning. This Prince hath ſeveral Machines fixed on wheels, for the Carriage of Trees and other great Weights. He often builds his largeſt Men of War, whereof ſome are nine foot long, in the Woods where the Timber grows, and has them carried on theſe Engines three or four hundred Yards to the Sea. Five hundred Carpenters and Engineers were immediately ſet at work to prepare the greateſt Engine they had. It was a Frame of Wood raiſed three Inches from the Ground, about ſeven Foot long, and four wide, moving upon twenty two Wheels. The ſhout I heard was upon the Arrival of this Engine, which it ſeems ſet out in four hours after my Landing. It was brought

parallel to me as I lay. But the principal Difficulty was to raiſe and place me in this Vehicle. Eighty Poles, each of one Foot high, were erected for this purpoſe, and very ſtrong Cords of the bigneſs of Packthread were faſtned by Hooks to many Bandages, which the Workmen had girt round my Neck, my Hands, my Body, and my Legs. Nine hundred of the ſtrongeſt Men were employed to draw up theſe Cords by many Pulleys faſtned on the Poles, and thus, in leſs than three Hours, I was raiſed and ſlung into the Engine, and there tyed faſt. All this I was told, for while the whole Operation was performing, I lay in a profound ſleep, by the force of that ſoporiferous Medicine infuſed into my Liquor. Fifteen Hundred of the Emperor's largeſt Horſes, each about four Inches and an half high, were employed to draw me towards the Metropolis, which, as I ſaid, was half a Mile diſtant.

ABOUT four Hours after we began our Journey, I awaked by a very ridiculous Accident; for the Carriage being ſtopt a while to adjuſt ſomething that was out of order, two or three of the young Natives had the Curioſity to ſee how I looked when I was aſleep; they climbed up into the Engine, and advancing very ſoftly to my Face, one of them, an Officer in the Guards, put the ſharp end of his half-pike a good way up into my left Noſtril, which tickled my Noſe like a Straw, and made me ſneeze violently: Whereupon they ſtole off unperceived, and it was three Weeks before I knew the cauſe of my awaking ſo ſuddenly. We made a long March the remaining part of that Day, and reſted at Night with five hundred Guards on each ſide of me, half with Torches, and half with Bows and Arrows, ready to ſhoot me if I ſhould offer to ſtir. The next Morning at Sun-riſe we continued our March, and arrived within two hundred yards of the

City-Gates about Noon. The Emperor, and all his Court came out to meet us, but his great Officers would by no means ſuffer his Majeſty to endanger his Perſon by mounting on my Body.

AT the Place where the Carriage ſtopt, there ſtood an antient Temple, eſteemed to be the largeſt in the whole Kingdom, which having been polluted ſome Years before by an unnatural Murder, was, according to the Zeal of thoſe People, looked on as prophane, and therefore had been applied to common uſe, and all the Ornaments and Furniture carried away. In this Edifice it was determined I ſhould lodge. The great Gate fronting to the North was about four foot high, and almoſt two foot wide, through which I could eaſily creep. On each ſide of the Gate was a ſmall Window not above ſix Inches from the Ground: into that on the left Side, the King's Smiths conveyed fourſcore and eleven Chains, like thoſe that hang to a Lady's Watch in *Europe*,

and almoſt as large, which were lock'd to my left Leg with ſix and thirty Padlocks. Over-againſt this Temple, on t'other ſide of the great Highway, at twenty foot diſtance, there was a Turret at leaſt five foot high. Here the Emperor aſcended with many principal Lords of his Court, to have an opportunity of viewing me, as I was told, for I could not ſee them. It was reckoned that above an hundred thouſand Inhabitants came out of the Town upon the ſame Errand; and in ſpight of my Guards, I believe there could not be fewer than ten thouſand, at ſeveral times, who mounted upon my Body by the help of Ladders. But a Proclamation was ſoon iſſued to forbid it upon pain of Death. When the Workmen found it was impoſſible for me to break looſe, they cut all the Strings that bound me; whereupon I roſe up with as melancholy a Diſpoſition as ever I had in my Life. But the noiſe and aſtoniſhment of the People at ſeeing me riſe and walk, are not to be expreſſed. The Chains that held my

left Leg were about two yards long, and gave me not only the liberty of walking backwards and forwards in a Semicircle; but being fixed within four inches of the Gate, allowed me to creep in, and lie at my full length in the Temple.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

The Emperor of Lilliput, *attended by ſeveral of the Nobility, come to ſee the Author in his Confinement. The Emperor's Perſon and Habit deſcrib'd. Learned Men appointed to teach the Author their Language. He gains Favour by his mild Diſpoſition. His Pockets are ſearched, and his Sword and Piſtols taken from him.*

WHEN I found my ſelf on my Feet, I looked about me, and muſt confeſs I never beheld a more entertaining Proſpect. The Country round appeared like a continued Garden, and the incloſed Fields, which were generally forty foot ſquare, reſembled ſo many Beds of Flowers. Theſe Fields were intermingled with

Woods of half a Stang, and the talleſt Trees, as I could judge, appeared to be ſeven foot high. I viewed the Town on my left hand which looked like the painted Scene of a City in a Theatre.

I had been for ſome hours extremely preſſed by the Neceſſities of Nature; which was no wonder, it being almoſt two days ſince I had laſt disburthened my ſelf. I was under great Difficulties between Urgency and Shame. The beſt Expedient I could think on, was to creep into my Houſe, which I accordingly did; and ſhutting the gate after me, I went as far as the length of my Chain would ſuffer, and diſcharged my Body of that uneaſy Load. But this was the only time I was ever guilty of ſo uncleanly an Action; for which I cannot but hope the candid Reader will give ſome Allowance, after he hath maturely and impartially conſidered my Caſe, and the Diſtreſs I was n. From this time my conſtant Practice was, as ſoon as I roſe, to perform that Buſineſs

Buſineſs in open Air, at the full extent of my Chain, and due Care was taken every Morning before Company came, that the offenſive matter ſhould be carried off in Wheel-barrows by two Servants appointed for that Purpoſe. I would not have dwelt ſo long upon a Circumſtance, that perhaps at firſt ſight may appear not very momentous, if I had not thought it neceſſary to juſtify my Character in point of Cleanlineſs to the World; which I am told ſome of my Maligners have been pleaſed, upon this and other Occaſions, to call in queſtion.

When this Adventure was at an end, I came back out of my Houſe, having occaſion for freſh Air. The Emperor was already deſcended from the Tower, and advancing on horſeback towards me, which had like to have coſt him dear; for the Beaſt, though very well trained, yet wholly unuſed to ſuch a ſight, which appeared as if a Mountain moved before him, reared up on his hinder Feet: But

that Prince, who is an excellent Horſeman, kept his Seat, till his Attendants ran in, and held the Bridle, while his Majeſty had time to diſmount. When he alighted, he ſurveyed me round with great Admiration, but kept without the length of my Chain. He ordered his Cooks and Butlers, who were already prepared to give me Victuals and Drink, which they puſhed forward in a ſort of Vehicles upon Wheels till I could reach them. I took theſe Vehicles, and ſoon emptied them all; twenty of them were filled with Meat, and ten with Liquor, each of the former afforded me two or three good Mouthfuls, and I emptied the Liquor of ten Veſſels, which was contained in earthen Vials, into one Vehicle, drinking it off at a Draught, and ſo I did with the reſt. The Empreſs, and young Princes of the Blood, of both Sexes, attended by many Ladies, ſat at ſome diſtance in their Chairs, but upon the Accident that happened to the Emperor's Horſe, they alighted, and came near his Perſon,

Perſon, which I am now going to deſcribe. He is taller by almoſt the breadth of my Nail, than any of his Court, which alone is enough to ſtrike an Awe into the Beholders. His Features are ſtrong and maſculine, with an *Auſtrian* Lip and arched Noſe, his Complexion olive, his Countenance erect, his Body and Limbs well proportioned, all his Motions graceful, and his Deportment majeſtick. He was then paſt his Prime, being twenty-eight years and three quarters old, of which he had reigned about ſeven, in great felicity, and generally victorious. For the better convenience of beholding him, I lay on my Side, ſo that my Face was parallel to his, and he ſtood but three yards off: However, I have had him ſince many times in my Hand, and therefore cannot be deceived in the Deſcription. His Dreſs was very plain and ſimple, and the Faſhion of it between the Aſiatick and the *European:* but he had on his Head a light Helmet of Gold, adorned with Jewels, and a Plume on the Creſt.

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He held his Sword drawn in his hand, to defend himſelf, if I ſhould happen to break looſe; it was almoſt three Inches long, the Hilt and Scabbard were Gold enriched with Diamonds. His Voice was ſhrill, but very clear and articulate, and I could diſtinctly hear it when I ſtood up. The Ladies and Courtiers were all moſt magnificently clad, ſo that the ſpot they ſtood upon ſeem'd to reſemble a Petticoat ſpread on the Ground, embroidered with figures of Gold and Silver. His Imperial Majeſty ſpoke often to me, and I returned Anſwers, but neither of us could underſtand a Syllable. There were ſeveral of his Prieſts and Lawyers preſent, (as I conjectured by their habits) who were commanded to addreſs themſelves to me, and I ſpoke to them in as many Languages as I had the leaſt ſmattering of, which were *High* and *Low Dutch*, *Latin*, *French*, *Spaniſh*, *Italian*, and *Lingua Franca*; but all to no purpoſe. After about two Hours the Court retired, and I was left with a ſtrong Guard, to prevent the Impertinence,

pertinence, and probably the Malice of the Rabble, who were very impatient to croud about me as near as they durſt, and ſome of them had the Impudence to ſhoot their Arrows at me as I ſate on the Ground by the door of my Houſe, whereof one very narrowly miſs'd my left Eye. But the Colonel ordered ſix of the Ring-leaders to be ſeized, and thought no Puniſhment ſo proper as to deliver them bound into my Hands, which ſome of his Soldiers accordingly did, puſhing them forwards with the But-ends of their Pikes into my reach; I took them all in my right Hand, put five of them into my Coat-pocket, and as to the ſixth, I made a Countenance as if I would eat him alive. The poor Man ſqualled terribly, and the Colonel and his Officers were in much Pain, eſpecially when they ſaw me take out my Penknife: But I ſoon put them out of fear; for, looking mildly and immediately cutting the ſtrings he was bound with, I ſet him gently on the Ground, and away he ran; I treated the

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reſt in the ſame manner, taking them one by one out of my Pocket, and I obſerved both the Soldiers and People were highly obliged at this Mark of my Clemency, which was repreſented very much to my Advantage at Court.

TOWARDS Night I got with ſome diffity into my Houſe, where I lay on the Ground, and continued to do ſo about a Fortnight; during which time the Emperor gave orders to have a Bed prepared for me. Six hundred Beds of the common Meaſure, were brought in Carriages and worked up in my Houſe, an hundred and fifty of their Beds ſown together made up the Breadth and Length, and theſe were four double, which however kept me but very indifferently from the Hardneſs of the Floor, that was of ſmooth Stone. By the ſame Computation they provided me with Sheets, Blankets, and Coverlets, tolerable enough for one who had been ſo long inured to Hardſhips as I.

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As the News of my Arrival ſpread through the Kingdom, it brought prodigious Numbers of rich, idle, and curious People to ſee me; ſo that the Villages were almoſt emptied, and great Neglect of Tillage and Houſhold Affairs muſt have enſued, if his Imperial Majeſty had not provided, by ſeveral Proclamations and Orders of State, againſt this Inconveniency. He directed, that thoſe who had already beheld me ſhould return home, and not preſume to come within fifty yards of my Houſe, without licence from Court; whereby the Secretaries of State got conſiderable Fees.

In the mean time, the Emperor held frequent Councils to debate what courſe ſhould be taken with me; and I was afterwards aſſured by a particular Friend, a Perſon of great Quality, who was looked upon to be as much in the Secret as any, that the Court was under many Difficulties concerning me. They ap-

prehended my breaking looſe, that my Diet would be very expenſive, and might cauſe a Famine. Sometimes they determined to ſtarve me, or at leaſt to ſhoot me in the Face and Hands with poiſoned Arrows, which would ſoon diſpatch me; but again they conſider'd, that the Stench of ſo large a Carcaſe might produce a Plague in the Metropolis, and probably ſpread through the whole Kingdom. In the midſt of theſe Conſultations, ſeveral Officers of the Army went to the Door of the great Council Chamber; and two of them being admitted, gave an account of my Behaviour to the ſix Criminals above-mention'd, which made ſo favourable an Impreſſion in the Breaſt of his Majeſty and the whole Board in my behalf, that an Imperial Commiſſion was iſſued out, obliging all the Villages nine hundred yards round the City, to deliver in every Morning ſix Beeves, forty Sheep, and other Victuals for my Suſtenance; together with a proportionable Quantity of Bread, and Wine and other Liquors: for

for the due Payment of which, his Majeſty gave Aſſignments upon his Treaſury. For this Prince lives chiefly upon his own Demeſnes, ſeldom, except upon great occaſions, raiſing any Subſidies upon his Subjects, who are bound to attend him in his Wars at their own Expence. An Eſtabliſhment was alſo made of ſix hundred Perſons to be my Domeſticks, who had Board-wages allowed for their Maintenance, and Tents built for them very conveniently on each ſide of my Door. It was likewiſe ordered, that three hundred Taylors ſhould make me a Suit of Cloaths after the faſhion of the Country: That ſix of his Majeſty's greateſt Scholars ſhould be employ'd to inſtruct me in their Language: And, laſtly, that the Emperor's Horſes, and thoſe of the Nobility, and Troops of Guards, ſhould be frequently exerciſed in my ſight, to accuſtom themſelves to me. All theſe Orders were duly put in execution, and in about three Weeks I made a great Progreſs in learning their Language; during which

which time, the Emperor frequently honoured me with his Visits, and was pleased to assist my Masters in teaching me. We began already to converse together in some sort; and the first words I learnt were to express my desire that he would please to give me my liberty, which I every day repeated on my Knees. His Answer, as I could apprehend it, was, that this must be a Work of Time, not to be thought on without the Advice of Council, and that first I must *Lumos Kelmin pesso desmar lon Emposo*; that is, swear a Peace with him and his Kingdom. However, that I should be used with all Kindness; and he advised me to acquire, by my Patience and discreet Behaviour, the good Opinion of himself and his Subjects. He desired I would not take it ill if he gave Orders to certain proper Officers to search me; for probably I might carry about me several Weapons, which must needs be dangerous things, if they answered the Bulk of so prodigious a Person. I said, his Majesty

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ſhould be ſatisfied, for I was ready to ſtrip myſelf, and turn up my Pockets before him. This I delivered part in Words, and part in Signs. He replied, that by the Laws of the Kingdom I muſt be ſearched by two of his Officers; that he knew this could not be done without my Conſent and Aſſiſtance; that he had ſo good an Opinion of my Generoſity and Juſtice, as to truſt their Perſons in my Hands: That whatever they took from me ſhould be returned when I left the Country, or paid for at the Rate which I would ſet upon them. I took up the two Officers in my Hands, put them firſt into my Coat-Pockets, and then into every other Pocket about me, except my two Fobs, and another ſecret Pocket I had no mind ſhould be ſearched, wherein I had ſome little Neceſſaries that were of no conſequence to any but myſelf. In one of my Fobs there was a ſilver Watch, and in the other a ſmall quantity of Gold in a Purſe. Theſe Gentlemen, having Pen, Ink and

Paper about them, made an exact Inventory of every thing they saw; and when they had done, desired I would set them down, that they might deliver it to the Emperor. This Inventory I afterwards translated into *English*, and is word for word as follows.

IMPRIMIS, In the right Coat-Pocket of the *Great Man-Mountain* (for so I interpret the Words *Quinbus Flestrin*) after the strictest search, we found only one great Piece of coarse Cloth, large enough to be a Foot-Cloth for your Majesty's chief Room of State. In the left Pocket, we saw a huge Silver Chest, with a Cover of the same Metal, which we the Searchers were not able to lift. We desired it should be opened, and one of us steping into it, found himself up to the mid Leg in a sort of Dust, some part whereof flying up to our Faces, set us both a sneezing for several times together. In his right Wastecoat-Pocket, we found a prodigious Bundle of white thin

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Subſtances, folded one over another, about the Bigneſs of three Men, tied with a ſtrong Cable, and marked with black Figures; which we humbly conceive to be Writings, every Letter almoſt half as large as the Palm of our Hands. In the left there was a ſort of Engine, from the Back of which were extended twenty long Poles, reſembling the Paliſado's before your Majeſty's Court; wherewith we conjecture the *Man-Mountain* combs his Head, for we did not always trouble him with Queſtions, becauſe we found it a great Difficulty to make him underſtand us. In the large Pocket on the right ſide of his middle Cover, (ſo I tranſlate the Word *Ranfu-Lo*, by which they meant my Breeches) we ſaw a hollow Pillar of Iron, about the length of a Man, faſtened to a ſtrong piece of Timber, larger than the Pillar; and upon one ſide of the Pillar were huge pieces of Iron ſticking out, cut into ſtrange Figures, which we know not what to make of. In the left Pocket, another Engine

of the ſame kind. In the ſmaller Pocket, on the right ſide, were ſeveral round flat Pieces of white and red Metal, of different Bulk; ſome of the white, which ſeemed to be Silver, were ſo large and heavy, that my Comrade and I could hardly lift them. In the left Pocket were two black Pillars irregularly ſhaped: we could not, without Difficulty, reach the top of them as we ſtood at the bottom of his Pocket. One of them was covered, and ſeemed all of a piece: But at the upper end of the other, there appeared a white round Subſtance, about twice the bigneſs of our Heads. Within each of theſe was incloſed a prodigious Plate of Steel; which, by our Orders, we obliged him to ſhew us, becauſe we apprehended they might be dangerous Engines. He took them out of their Caſes, and told us, that in his own Country his Practice was to ſhave his Beard with one of theſe, and to cut his Meat with the other. There were two Pockets which we could not enter: Theſe he called

called his Fobs; they were two large Slits cut into the top of his middle Cover, but ſqueez'd cloſe by the preſſure of his Belly. Out of the right Fob hung a great ſilver Chain, with a wonderful kind of Engine at the bottom. We directed him to draw out whatever was faſtened to that Chain; which appeared to be a Globe, half Silver, and half of ſome tranſparent Metal: For on the tranſparent ſide we ſaw certain ſtrange Figures circularly drawn, and thought we could touch them, till we found our Fingers ſtopped by that lucid Subſtance. He put this Engine to our Ears, which made an inceſſant Noiſe like that of a Water-Mill. And we conjecture it is either ſome unknown Animal, or the God that he worſhips: But we are more inclined to the latter Opinion, becauſe he aſſured us, (if we underſtood him right, for he expreſſed himſelf very imperfectly) that he ſeldom did any Thing without conſulting it. He called it his Oracle, and ſaid it pointed out the Time for every Ac-

tion of his Life. From the left Fob he took out a Net almoſt large enough for a Fiſherman, but contrived to open and ſhut like a Purſe, and ſerved him for the ſame uſe: We found therein ſeveral maſſy Pieces of yellow Metal, which if they be real Gold, muſt be of immenſe Value.

HAVING thus, in obedience to your Majeſty's Commands, diligently ſearched all his Pockets, we obſerved a Girdle about his Waſte made of the Hide of ſome prodigious Animal, from which, on the left Side, hung a Sword of the length of five Men; and on the right, a Bag or Pouch divided into two Cells, each Cell capable of holding three of your Majeſty's Subjects. In one of theſe Cells were ſeveral Globes or Balls of a moſt ponderous Metal, about the bigneſs of our Heads, and required a ſtrong Hand to lift them: The other Cell contained a Heap of certain black Grains, but of no great Bulk or

or Weight, for we could hold above fifty of them in the Palms of our Hands.

THIS is an exact Inventory of what we found about the Body of the *Man-Mountain*, who uſed us with great Civility, and due Reſpect to your Majeſty's Commiſſion. Signed and ſealed on the fourth Day of the eighty ninth Moon of your Majeſty's auſpicious Reign,

Clefrin Frelock, Marſi Frelock.

WHEN this Inventory was read over to the Emperor, he directed me, although in very gentle Terms, to deliver up the ſeveral Particulars. He firſt called for my Scymiter, which I took out, Scabbard and all. In the mean time he ordered three thouſand of his choiceſt Troops (who then attended him) to ſurround me at a diſtance, with their Bows and Arrows juſt ready to diſcharge: but I did not obſerve it, for mine Eyes were wholly fixed upon his Majeſty. He then deſired me to draw my Scymiter, which,

although it had got some Rust by the Sea-Water, was in most parts exceeding bright. I did so, and immediately all the Troops gave a Shout between Terror and Surprize; for the Sun shone clear, and the Reflexion dazled their Eyes as I waved the Scymiter to and fro in my Hand. His Majesty, who is a most magnanimous Prince, was less daunted than I could expect; he ordered me to return it into the Scabbard, and cast it on the Ground as gently as I could, about six foot from the end of my Chain. The next thing he demanded, was one of the hollow Iron Pillars, by which he meant my Pocket-Pistols. I drew it out, and at his desire, as well as I could, expressed to him the Use of it; and charging it only with Powder, which by the closeness of my Pouch happened to escape wetting in the Sea, (an Inconvenience against which all prudent Mariners take special care to provide) I first cautioned the Emperor not to be afraid, and then I let it off in the Air. The Astonishment here was much greater

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than at the ſight of my Scymiter. Hundreds fell down as if they had been ſtruck dead; and even the Emperor, although he ſtood his Ground, could not recover himſelf in ſome time. I delivered up both my Piſtols in the ſame Manner, as I had done my Scymiter, and then my Pouch of Powder and Bullets; begging him that the former might be kept from the Fire, for it would kindle with the ſmalleſt Spark, and blow up his Imperial Palace into the Air. I likewiſe delivered up my Watch, which the Emperor was very curious to ſee, and commanded two of his talleſt Yeomen of the Guards to bear it on a Pole upon their Shoulders, as Dray-Men in *England* do a Barrel of Ale. He was amazed at the continual Noiſe it made, and the Motion of the Minute-Hand, which he could eaſily diſcern; for their Sight is much more acute than ours: and asked the Opinions of his learned Men about him, which were various and remote, as the Reader may well imagine without my repeating; although indeed

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I could not very perfectly understand them. I then gave up my Silver and Copper Money, my Purse with nine large Pieces of Gold, and some smaller ones; my Knife and Razor, my Comb and Silver Snuff-Box, my Handkerchief and Journal Book. My Scymiter, Pistols, and Pouch, were conveyed in Carriages to his Majesty's Stores; but the rest of my Goods were returned me.

I had, as I before observed, one private Pocket which escaped their Search, wherein there was a pair of Spectacles, (which I sometimes use for the weakness of mine Eyes) a Pocket Perspective, and several other little Conveniences; which being of no consequence to the Emperor, I did not think my self bound in Honour to discover, and I apprehended they might be lost or spoiled if I ventured them out of my Possession.

CHAP.

CHAP III.

The Author diverts the Emperor and his Nobility of both Sexes in a very uncommon manner. The Diverſions of the Court of Lilliput *deſcribed. The Author has his Liberty granted him upon certain Conditions.*

MY Gentleneſs and good Behaviour had gained ſo far on the Emperor and his Court, and indeed upon the Army and People in general, that I began to conceive Hopes of getting my Liberty in a ſhort time. I took all poſſible Methods to cultivate this favourable Diſpoſition. The Natives came by degrees to be leſs apprehenſive of any Danger from me. I would ſometimes lie down, and let five or

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ſix of them dance on my Hand. And at laſt the Boys and Girls would venture to come and play at Hide and Seek in my Hair. I had now made a good Progreſs in underſtanding and ſpeaking their Language. The Emperor had a mind one day to entertain me with ſeveral of the Country Shows, wherein they exceed all Nations I have known, both for Dexterity and Magnificence. I was diverted with none ſo much as that of the Rope-Dancers, performed upon a ſlender white Thread, extended about two Foot, and twelve Inches from the Ground. Upon which I ſhall deſire liberty, with the Reader's Patience, to enlarge a little.

THIS Diverſion is only practiſed by thoſe Perſons who are Candidates for great Employments, and high Favour, at Court. They are trained in this Art from their Youth, and are not always of noble Birth, or liberal Education. When a great Office is vacant either by Death or Diſgrace (which often happens) five or

or ſix of thoſe Candidates petition the Emperor to entertain his Majeſty and the Court with a Dance on the Rope, and whoever jumps the higheſt without falling, ſucceeds in the Office. Very often the Chief Miniſters themſelves are commanded to ſhew their Skill, and to convince the Emperor that they have not loſt their Faculty. *Flimnap*, the Treaſurer, is allowed to cut a Caper on the ſtrait Rope, at leaſt an Inch higher than any other Lord in the whole Empire. I have ſeen him do the Summerſet ſeveral times together upon a Trencher fixed on the Rope, which is no thicker than a common Packthread in *England*. My Friend *Reldreſal*, principal Secretary for private Affairs, is, in my opinion, if I am not partial, the ſecond after the Treaſurer; the reſt of the great Officers are much upon a Par.

THESE Diverſions are often attended with fatal Accidents, whereof great Numbers are on Record. I my ſelf have ſeen two or three Candidates break a Limb.

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But the Danger is much greater when the Miniſters themſelves are commanded to ſhew their Dexterity; for by contending to excel themſelves and their Fellows, they ſtrain ſo far, that there is hardly one of them who hath not received a Fall, and ſome of them two or three. I was aſſured that a Year or two before my Arrival, *Flimnap* would have infallibly broke his Neck, if one of the King's Cuſhions, that accidentally lay on the Ground, had not weakened the Force of his Fall.

THERE is likewiſe another Diverſion which is only ſhewn before the Emperor and Empreſs, and firſt Miniſter, upon particular Occaſions. The Emperor lays on a Table three fine ſilken Threads of ſix Inches long. One is Purple, the other Yellow, and the third White. Theſe Threads are propoſed as Prizes for thoſe Perſons whom the Emperor hath a mind to diſtinguiſh by a peculiar Mark of his Favour. The Ceremony is performed in his Majeſty's great Chamber of State,

where the Candidates are to undergo a Tryal of Dexterity very different from the former, and ſuch as I have not obſerved the leaſt Reſemblance of in any other Country of the old or the new World. The Emperor holds a Stick in his Hands, both ends parallel to the Horizon, while the Candidates advancing one by one, ſometimes leap over the Stick, ſometimes creep under it backwards and forwards ſeveral times, according as the Stick is advanced or depreſſed. Sometimes the Emperor holds one end of the Stick, and his firſt Miniſter the other; ſometimes the Miniſter has it entirely to himſelf. Whoever performs his Part with moſt Agility, and holds out the longeſt in leaping and creeping, is rewarded with the Purple coloured Silk; the Yellow is given to the next, and the White to the third, which they all wear girt twice round about the middle; and you ſee few great Perſons about this Court, who are not adorned with one of theſe Girdles.

THE Horſes of the Army, and thoſe of the royal Stables, having been daily led before me, were no longer ſhy, but would come up to my very Feet without ſtarting. The Riders would leap them over my Hand as I held it on the Ground, and one of the Emperor's Huntſmen, upon a large Courſer, took my Foot, Shoe and all; which was indeed a prodigious Leap. I had the good fortune to divert the Emperor one Day after a very extraordinary manner. I deſired he would order ſeveral Sticks of two Foot high, and the thickneſs of an ordinary Cane, to be brought me; whereupon his Majeſty commanded the Maſter of his Woods to give Directions accordingly, and the next Morning ſix Wood-men arrived with as many Carriages, drawn by eight Horſes to each. I took nine of theſe Sticks, fixing them firmly in the Ground in a quadrangular Figure, two foot and a half Square. I took four other Sticks, and tied them parallel at each Corner, about

two foot from the Ground; then I faſtned my Handkerchief to the nine Sticks that ſtood erect, and extended it on all ſides till it was as tight as the top of a Drum; and the four parallel Sticks riſing about five Inches higher than the Handkerchief, ſerved as Ledges on each ſide. When I had finiſhed my Work, I deſired the Emperor to let a Troop of his beſt Horſe, twenty four in number, come and exerciſe upon this Plain. His Majeſty approved of the Propoſal, and I took them up one by one in my hands, ready mounted and armed, with the proper Officers to exerciſe them. As ſoon as they got into order they divided into two Parties, performed mock Skirmiſhes, diſcharged blunt Arrows, drew their Swords, fled and purſued, attacked and retired, and in ſhort diſcovered the beſt military Diſcipline I ever beheld. The parallel Sticks ſecured them and their Horſes from falling over the Stage; and the Emperor was ſo much delighted, that he ordered this Entertainment to be re-

peated ſeveral days, and once was pleaſed to be lifted up, and give the word of Command; and, with great difficulty, perſuaded even the Empreſs her ſelf to let me hold her in her cloſe Chair within two yards of the Stage, from whence ſhe was able to take a full View of the whole Performance. It was my good fortune that no ill Accident happened in theſe Entertainments, only once a fiery Horſe that belonged to one of the Captains pawing with his Hoof ſtruck a hole in my Handkerchief, and his Foot ſlipping, he overthrew his Rider and himſelf; but I immediately relieved them both; and covering the hole with one Hand, I ſet down the Troop with the other, in the ſame manner as I took them up. The Horſe that fell was ſtrained in the left Shoulder, but the Rider got no hurt, and I repaired my Handkerchief as well as I could; however, I would not truſt to the Strength of it any more in ſuch dangerous Enterprizes.

ABOUT two or three days before I was ſet at liberty, as I was entertaining the Court with theſe kind of Feats, there arrived an Expreſs to inform his Majeſty, that ſome of his Subjects riding near the Place where I was firſt taken up, had ſeen a great black Subſtance lying on the Ground very odly ſhaped, extended its Edges round as wide as his Majeſty's Bedchamber, and riſing up in the middle as high as a Man; that it was no living Creature, as they at firſt apprehended, for it lay on the Graſs without Motion; and ſome of them had walked round it ſeveral times: That by mounting upon each other's Shoulders, they had got to the top, which was flat and even, and ſtamping upon it they found it was hollow within; that they humbly conceived it might be ſomething belonging to the *Man-Mountain*; and if his Majeſty pleaſed, they would undertake to bring it with only five Horſes. I preſently knew what they meant, and was glad at heart to re-

ceive this Intelligence. It ſeems upon my firſt reaching the Shore after our Shipwreck, I was in ſuch confuſion, that before I came to the place where I went to ſleep, my Hat which I had faſtned with a String to my Head while I was rowing, and had ſtuck on all the time I was ſwimming, fell off after I came to Land; the String, as I conjecture, breaking by ſome Accident which I never obſerved, but thought my Hat had been loſt at Sea. I intreated his Imperial Majeſty to give Orders it might be brought to me as ſoon as poſſible, deſcribing to him the Uſe and the Nature of it: And the next Day the Waggoners arrived with it, but not in a very good condition; they had bored two Holes in the Brim, within an Inch and half of the Edge, and faſtned two Hooks in the Holes; theſe Hooks were tyed by a long Cord to the Harneſs, and thus my Hat was dragged along for above half an *Engliſh* Mile: but the Ground in that Country being extremely ſmooth and level, it receiv'd leſs Damage than I expected.

Two Days after this Adventure, the Emperor having ordered that Part of his Army which quarters in and about his Metropolis to be in a readineſs, took a fancy of diverting himſelf in a very ſingular manner. He deſired I would ſtand like a *Coloſſus*, with my Legs as far aſunder as I conveniently could. He then commanded his General, (who was an old experienced Leader, and a great Patron of mine) to draw up the Troops in cloſe Order, and march them under me; the Foot by twenty-four in a Breaſt, and the Horſe by ſixteen, with Drums beating, Colours flying, and Pikes advanced. This Body conſiſted of three thouſand Foot, and a thouſand Horſe. His Majeſty gave Orders, upon pain of Death, that every Soldier in his March ſhould obſerve the ſtricteſt Decency, with regard to my Perſon; which, however, could not prevent ſome of the younger Officers from turning up their Eyes as they paſſed under me. And, to confeſs the Truth,

my Breeches were at that time in ſo ill a Condition, that they afforded ſome Opportunities for Laughter and Admiration.

I had ſent ſo many Memorials and Petitions for my Liberty, that his Majeſty at length mentioned the Matter firſt in the Cabinet, and then in a full Council; where it was oppoſed by none, except *Skyreſh Bolgolam*, who was pleaſed, without any Provocation, to be my mortal Enemy. But it was carried againſt him by the whole Board, and confirmed by the Emperor. That Miniſter was *Galbet*, or Admiral of the Realm, very much in his Maſter's Confidence, and a Perſon well verſed in Affairs, but of a moroſe and ſour Complection. However, he was at length perſuaded to comply; but prevailed that the Articles and Conditions upon which I ſhould be ſet free, and to which I muſt ſwear, ſhould be drawn up by himſelf. Theſe Articles were brought to me by *Skyreſh Bolgolam* in Perſon, attended by two Under-Secretaries,

taries, and ſeveral Perſons of Diſtinction. After they were read, I was demanded to ſwear to the Performance of them; firſt in the manner of my own Country, and afterwards in the method preſcribed by their Laws: which was to hold my right Foot in my left Hand, to place the middle Finger of my right Hand on the Crown of my Head, and my Thumb on the Tip of my right Ear. But becauſe the Reader may perhaps be curious to have ſome idea of the Style and manner of Expreſſion peculiar to that People, as well as to know the Articles upon which I recovered my Liberty, I have made a tranſlation of the whole Inſtrument word for word, as near as I was able, which I here offer to the Publick.

GOLBASTO MOMAREN EVLAME GURDILO SHEFIN MULLY ULLY GUE, moſt Mighty Emperor of *Lilliput*, Delight and Terror of the Univerſe, whoſe Dominions extend five thouſand *Bluſtrugs*, (about twelve Miles in Circumference) to

the Extremities of the Globe; Monarch of all Monarchs, taller than the Sons of Men; whose Feet press down to the Center, and whose Head strikes against the Sun: At whose Nod the Princes of the Earth shake their Knees; pleasant as the Spring, comfortable as the Summer, fruitful as Autumn, dreadful as Winter. His most sublime Majesty proposeth to the *Man-Mountain*, lately arrived to our Celestial Dominions, the following Articles, which by a solemn Oath he shall be obliged to perform.

FIRST, The *Man-Mountain* shall not depart from our Dominions, without our Licence under our Great Seal.

2d, He shall not presume to come into our Metropolis, without our express Order; at which time the Inhabitants shall have two hours warning to keep within their doors.

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3d, THE ſaid *Man-Mountain* ſhall confine his Walks to our principal high Roads, and not offer to walk or lie down in a Meadow or Field of Corn.

4th, As he walks the ſaid Roads, he ſhall take the utmoſt care not to trample upon the Bodies of any of our loving Subjects, their Horſes, or Carriages, nor take any of our ſaid Subjects into his hands, without their own Conſent.

5th, IF an Expreſs requires extraordinary Diſpatch, the *Man-Mountain* ſhall be obliged to carry in his Pocket the Meſſenger and Horſe a Six Days Journey once in every Moon, and return the ſaid Meſſenger back (if ſo required) ſafe to our Imperial Preſence.

6th, HE ſhall be our Ally againſt our Enemies in the Iſland of *Blefuſcu*, and do his utmoſt to deſtroy their Fleet, which is now preparing to invade us.

7th, THAT

7th, THAT the ſaid *Man-Mountain* ſhall, at his times of leiſure, be aiding and aſſiſting to our Workmen, in helping to raiſe certain great Stones, towards covering the Wall of the principal Park, and other our Royal Buildings.

8th, THAT the ſaid *Man-Mountain* ſhall, in two Moons time, deliver in an exact Survey of the Circumference of our Dominions by a Computation of his own Paces round the Coaſt.

LASTLY, That upon his ſolemn Oath to obſerve all the above Articles, the ſaid *Man-Mountain* ſhall have a daily Allowance of Meat and Drink ſufficient for the Support of 1728 of our Subjects, with free Acceſs to our Royal Perſon, and other Marks of our Favour. Given at our Palace at *Belfaborac* the twelfth day of the ninety-firſt Moon of our Reign.

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I ſwore and ſubſcribed to theſe Articles with great Chearfulneſs and Content, although ſome of them were not ſo honourable as I could have wiſhed; which proceeded wholly from the Malice of *Skyreſh Bolgolam* the High-Admiral: whereupon my Chains were immediately unlocked, and I was at full liberty; the Emperor himſelf in Perſon did me the Honour to be by at the whole Ceremony. I made my Acknowledgments by proſtrating myſelf at his Majeſty's Feet: But he commanded me to riſe; and after many gracious Expreſſions, which, to avoid the Cenſure of Vanity, I ſhall not repeat, he added, that he hoped I ſhould prove a uſeful Servant, and well deſerve all the Favours he had already conferred upon me, or might do for the future.

THE Reader may pleaſe to obſerve, that in the laſt Article for the Recovery of my Liberty, the Emperor ſtipulates

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to allow me a Quantity of Meat and Drink ſufficient for the Support of 1728 *Lilliputians*. Some time after, asking a Friend at Court how they came to fix on that determinate Number; he told me, that his Majeſty's Mathematicians, having taken the height of my Body by the help of a *Quadrant*, and finding it to exceed theirs in the Proportion of twelve to one, they concluded from the Similarity of their Bodies, that mine muſt contain at leaſt 1728 of theirs, and conſequently would require as much Food as was neceſſary to ſupport that number of *Lilliputians*. By which, the Reader may conceive an Idea of the Ingenuity of that People, as well as the prudent and exact Oeconomy of ſo great a Prince.

CHAP.

CHAP. IV.

Mildendo, *the Metropolis of* Lilliput, *described, together with the Emperor's Palace. A Conversation between the Author and a Principal Secretary concerning the Affairs of that Empire: The Author's Offers to serve the Emperor in his Wars.*

THE first Request I made after I had obtained my Liberty, was, that I might have licence to see *Mildendo*, the Metropolis; which the Emperor easily granted me, but with a special Charge to do no hurt, either to the Inhabitants, or their Houses. The People had notice by Proclamation of my design to visit the Town. The Wall which encompassed it, is two foot and an half high,

high, and at leaſt eleven Inches broad, ſo that a Coach and Horſes may be driven very ſafely round it; and it is flanked with ſtrong Towers at ten foot diſtance. I ſtept over the great Weſtern Gate, and paſſed very gently, and ſideling through the two principal Streets, only in my ſhort Waſtecoat, for fear of damaging the Roofs and Eves of the Houſes with the Skirts of my Coat. I walked with the utmoſt Circumſpection, to avoid treading on any Straggleɾs, that might remain in the Streets, although the Orders were very ſtrict, that all People ſhould keep in their Houſes, at their own peril. The Garret-windows and tops of Houſes were ſo crowded with Spectators, that I thought in all my Travels I had not ſeen a more populous Place. The City is an exact Square, each ſide of the Wall being five hundred foot long. The two great Streets which run croſs and divide it into four Quarters, are five foot wide. The Lanes and Alleys which I could not enter, but only viewed them as I paſſed, are from twelve

twelve to eighteen Inches. The Town is capable of holding five hundred thouſand Souls. The Houſes are from three to five Stories. The Shops and Markets well provided.

THE Emperor's Palace is in the Center of the City, where the two great Streets meet. It is incloſed by a Wall of two foot high, and twenty foot diſtant from the Buildings. I had his Majeſty's Permiſſion to ſtep over this Wall; and the Space being ſo wide between that and the Palace, I could eaſily view it on every ſide. The outward Court is a Square of forty foot, and includes two other Courts: In the inmoſt are the Royal Apartments, which I was very deſirous to ſee, but found it extremely difficult; for the great Gates, from one Square into another, were but eighteen inches high, and ſeven inches wide. Now the Buildings of the outer Court were at leaſt five foot high, and it was impoſſible for me to ſtride over them, with-

out infinite Damage to the Pile, though the Walls were ſtrongly built of hewn Stone, and four Inches thick. At the ſame time the Emperor had a great deſire that I ſhould ſee the Magnificence of his Palace; but this I was not able to do till three Days after, which I ſpent in cutting down with my Knife ſome of the largeſt Trees in the Royal Park, about an hundred Yards diſtant from the City. Of theſe Trees I made two Stools, each about three foot high, and ſtrong enough to bear my Weight. The People having received notice a ſecond time, I went again through the City to the Palace, with my two Stools in my Hands. When I came to the ſide of the outer Court, I ſtood upon one Stool, and took the other in my hand: This I lifted over the Roof, and gently ſet it down on the Space between the firſt and ſecond Court, which was eight foot wide. I then ſtept over the Buildings very conveniently from one Stool to the other, and drew up the firſt after me with a hooked Stick.

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By this Contrivance I got into the inmoſt Court; and lying down upon my Side, I applied my Face to the Windows of the middle Stories, which were left open on purpoſe, and diſcovered the moſt ſplendid Apartments that can be imagined. There I ſaw the Empreſs, and the young Princes in their ſeveral Lodgings, with their chief Attendants about them. Her Imperial Majeſty was pleaſed to ſmile very graciouſly upon me, and gave me out of the Window her hand to kiſs.

BUT I ſhall not anticipate the Reader with farther Deſcriptions of this kind, becauſe I reſerve them for a greater Work, which is now almoſt ready for the Preſs, containing a general Deſcription of this Empire, from its firſt Erection, through a long Series of Princes, with a particular account of their Wars and Politicks, Laws, Learning, and Religion: their Plants and Animals, their peculiar Manners and Cuſtoms, with other Matters very curious and uſeful; my chief deſign

at preſent being only to relate ſuch Events and Tranſactions as happened to the Publick, or to myſelf, during a Reſidence of about nine Months in that Empire.

ONE Morning, about a Fortnight after I had obtain'd my Liberty, *Keldreſal*, principal Secretary (as they ſtyle him) of private Affairs, came to my Houſe, attended only by one Servant. He ordered his Coach to wait at a diſtance, and deſired I would give him an Hour's Audience; which I readily conſented to, on account of his Quality and perſonal Merits, as well as the many good offices he had done me during my Sollicitations at Court. I offered to lie down, that he might the more conveniently reach my Ear; but he choſe rather to let me hold him in my Hand during our Converſation. He began with Compliments on my Liberty, ſaid he might pretend to ſome Merit in it: but, however, added, that if it had not been for the preſent Situ-

Situation of things at Court, perhaps I might not have obtained it ſo ſoon. For, ſaid he, as flouriſhing a Condition as we may appear to be in to Foreigners, we labour under two mighty Evils; a violent Faction at home, and the Danger of an Invaſion by a moſt potent Enemy from abroad. As to the firſt, you are to underſtand, that for above ſeventy Moons paſt, there have been two ſtruggling Parties in this Empire, under the Names of *Trameckſan*, and *Slameckſan*, from the high and low Heels on their Shoes, by which they diſtinguiſh themſelves. It is alledged indeed, that the high Heels are moſt agreeable to our ancient Conſtitution: But however this be, his Majeſty hath determined to make uſe of only low Heels in the Adminiſtration of the Government; and all Offices in the Gift of the Crown, as you cannot but obſerve; and particularly, that his Majeſty's Imperial Heels are lower at leaſt by a *Drurr* than any of his Court; (*Drurr* is a Meaſure about the fourteenth Part

of an Inch.) The Animosities between these two Parties run so high, that they will neither eat nor drink, nor talk with each other. We compute the *Tramecksan*, or High-Heels, to exceed us in number; but the Power is wholly on our side. We apprehend his Imperial Highness, the Heir to the Crown, to have some tendency towards the High-Heels; at least, we can plainly discover one of his Heels higher than the other, which gives him a hobble in his Gait. Now in the midst of these intestine Disquiets, we are threatned with an Invasion from the Island of *Blefuscu*, which is the other great Empire of the Universe, almost as large and powerful as this of his Majesty. For as to what we have heard you affirm, that there are other Kingdoms and States in the World, inhabited by human Creatures as large as yourself, our Philosophers are in much doubt, and would rather conjecture that you dropt from the Moon, or one of the Stars; because it is certain, that an hundred Mortals

tals of your Bulk wou'd, in a ſhort time, deſtroy all the Fruits and Cattle of his Majeſty's Dominions. Beſides, our Hiſtories of ſix thouſand Moons make no mention of any other Regions, than the two great Empires of *Lilliput* and *Bleſuſcu*. Which two mighty Powers have, as I was going to tell you, been engaged in a moſt obſtinate War for ſix and thirty Moons paſt. It began upon the following Occaſion. It is allowed on all hands, that the primitive way of breaking Eggs before we eat them, was upon the larger End: But his preſent Majeſty's Grandfather, while he was a Boy, going to eat an Egg, and breaking it according to the ancient practice, happened to cut one of his Fingers. Whereupon the Emperor his Father publiſhed an Edict, commanding all his Subjects, upon great Penalties, to break the ſmaller End of their Eggs. The People ſo highly reſented this Law, that our Hiſtories tell us there have been ſix Rebellions raiſed on that account; wherein one Emperor loſt his Life, and

another his Crown. These civil Commotions were constantly fomented by the Monarchs of *Blefuscu*; and when they were quelled, the Exiles always fled for refuge to that Empire. It is computed, that eleven thousand Persons have, at several times, suffered death, rather than submit to break their Eggs at the smaller End. Many hundred large Volumes have been published upon this Controversy: But the Books of the *Big-Endians* have been long forbidden, and the whole Party rendered incapable by Law of holding Employments. During the Course of these Troubles, the Emperors of *Blefuscu* did frequently expostulate by their Embassadors, accusing us of making a Schism in Religion, by offending against a fundamental Doctrine of our great Prophet *Lustrog*, in the fifty-fourth Chapter of the *Blundecral*, (which is their *Alcoran*.) This, however, is thought to be a meer strain upon the Text: For the words are these; *That all true Believers shall break their Eggs at the convenient End:*

End: and which is the convenient End, ſeems, in my humble Opinion, to be left to every Man's Conſcience, or at leaſt in the power of the chief Magiſtrate to determine. Now, the *Big-Endian* Exiles have found ſo much Credit in the Emperor of *Blefuſcu*'s Court, and ſo much private Aſſiſtance and Encouragement from their Party here at home, that a bloody War hath been carried on between the two Empires for ſix and thirty Moons with various Succeſs; during which time we have loſt forty capital Ships, and a much greater number of ſmaller Veſſels, together with thirty thouſand of our beſt Seamen and Soldiers; and the Damage received by the Enemy is reckon'd to be ſomewhat greater than ours. However, they have now equipped a numerous Fleet, and are juſt preparing to make a Deſcent upon us; and his Imperial Majeſty placing great confidence in your Valour and Strength, hath commanded me to lay this account of his Affairs before you.

I desired the Secretary to present my humble Duty to the Emperor, and to let him know, that I thought it would not become me, who was a Foreigner, to interfere with Parties; but I was ready, with the hazard of my Life, to defend his Person and State against all Invaders.

CHAP.

CHAP. V.

The Author by an extraordinary Stratagem prevents an Invaſion. A high Title of Honour is conferred upon him. Embaſſadors arrive from the Emperor of Blefuſcu, *and ſue for Peace. The Empreſs's Apartment on fire by an Accident; the Author inſtrumental in ſaving the reſt of the Palace.*

THE Empire of *Blefuſcu* is an Iſland, ſituated to the North North-Eaſt ſide of *Lilliput*, from whence it is parted only by a Channel of eight hundred Yards wide. I had not yet ſeen it, and upon this notice of an intended Invaſion, I avoided appearing on that ſide of the Coaſt, for fear of being diſcovered by ſome of the Enemy's Ships, who

who had received no intelligence of me, all intercourſe between the two Empires having been ſtrictly forbidden during the War, upon pain of Death, and an Embargo laid by our Emperor upon all Veſſels whatſoever. I communicated to his Majeſty a Project I had formed of ſeizing the Enemy's whole Fleet: which, as our Scouts aſſured us, lay at Anchor in the Harbour ready to ſail with the firſt fair Wind. I conſulted the moſt experienced Seamen, upon the Depth of the Channel, which they had often plummed, who told me, that in the middle at High-water it was ſeventy *Glumgluffs* deep, which is about ſix foot of *European* Meaſure; and the reſt of it fifty *Glumgluffs* at moſt. I walked towards the North-Eaſt Coaſt over againſt *Blefuſcu*; and lying down behind a Hillock, took out my ſmall Pocket Perſpective-Glaſs, and viewed the Enemy's Fleet at Anchor, conſiſting of about fifty Men of War, and a great Number of Tranſports: I then came back to my Houſe, and gave Order

(for which I had a Warrant) for a great quantity of the ſtrongeſt Cable and Bars of Iron. The Cable was about as thick as Packthread, and the Bars of the length and ſize of a Knitting-needle. I trebled the Cable to make it ſtronger, and for the ſame reaſon I twiſted three of the Iron-Bars together, binding the Extremities into a Hook. Having thus fixed fifty Hooks to as many Cables, I went back to the North-Eaſt Coaſt, and putting off my Coat, Shoes, and Stockins, walked into the Sea in my leathern Jerkin, about half an hour before high Water. I waded with what haſte I could, and ſwam in the middle about thirty yards till I felt ground; I arrived to the Fleet in leſs than half an hour. The Enemy was ſo frighted when they ſaw me, that they leaped out of their Ships, and ſwam to ſhore, where there could not be fewer than thirty thouſand Souls. I then took my Tackling, and faſtning a Hook to the hole at the Prow of each, I tyed all the Cords together at the end. While I was thus employed

employed, the Enemy discharged several thousand Arrows, many of which stuck in my Hands and Face; and besides the excessive smart, gave me much disturbance in my Work. My greatest apprehension was for mine Eyes, which I should have infallibly lost, if I had not suddenly thought of an Expedient. I kept among other little Necessaries a pair of Spectacles in a private Pocket, which, as I observed before, had scaped the Emperor's Searchers. These I took out and fastned as strongly as I could upon my Nose, and thus armed went on boldly with my work in spight of the Enemy's Arrows, many of which struck against the Glasses of my Spectacles, but without any other Effect, further than a little to discompose them. I had now fastned all the Hooks, and taking the Knot in my hand, began to pull; but not a Ship would stir, for they were all too fast held by their Anchors, so that the bold part of my Enterprize remained. I therefore let go the Cord, and leaving the Hooks fixed to the Ships, I resolutely

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cut with my Knife the Cables that faſtned the Anchors, receiving above two hundred Shots in my Face and Hands; then I took up the knotted End of the Cables to which my Hooks were tyed, and with great eaſe drew fifty of the Enemy's largeſt Men of War after me.

THE *Blefuſcudians*, who had not the leaſt Imagination of what I intended, were at firſt confounded with Aſtoniſhment. They had ſeen me cut the Cables, and thought my deſign was only to let the Ships run a-drift, or fall foul on each other: but when they perceived the whole Fleet moving in Order, and ſaw me pulling at the End, they ſet up ſuch a ſcream of Grief and Deſpair, that it is almoſt impoſſible to deſcribe or conceive. When I had got out of danger, I ſtopt a while to pick out the Arrows that ſtuck in my Hands and Face; and rubbed on ſome of the ſame Ointment that was given me at my firſt arrival, as I have formerly mentioned. I then took off my Spectacles,

cles, and waiting about an hour till the Tide was a little fallen, I waded through the middle with my Cargo, and arrived safe at the Royal Port of *Lilliput*.

THE Emperor and his whole Court stood on the Shore expecting the Issue of this great Adventure. They saw the Ships move forward in a large Half-Moon, but could not discern me, who was up to my Breast in Water. When I advanced to the middle of the Channel, they were yet in more Pain, because I was under Water to my Neck. The Emperor concluded me to be drowned, and that the Enemy's Fleet was approaching in a hostile manner: But he was soon eased of his Fears, for the Channel growing shallower every step I made, I came in a short time within hearing, and holding up the end of the Cable by which the Fleet was fastned, I cried in a loud Voice, *Long live the most puissant Emperor of Lilliput!* This great Prince received me at my landing with all possible Encomiums,

miums, and created me a *Nardac* upon the ſpot, which is the higheſt Title of Honour among them.

His Majeſty deſired I would take ſome other Opportunity of bringing all the reſt of his Enemy's Ships into his Ports. And ſo unmeaſurable is the Ambition of Princes, that he ſeemed to think of nothing leſs than reducing the whole Empire of *Blefuſcu* into a Province, and governing it by a Vice-Roy; of deſtroying the *Big-Endian* Exiles, and compeling that People to break the ſmaller end of their Eggs, by which he would remain the ſole Monarch of the whole World. But I endeavour'd to divert him from his Deſign, by many Arguments drawn from the Topicks of Policy as well as Juſtice: And I plainly proteſted, that I would never be an Inſtrument of bringing a free and brave People into Slavery. And when the matter was debated in Council, the wiſeſt part of the Miniſtry were of my Opinion.

THIS open bold declaration of mine, was so opposite to the Schemes and Politicks of his Imperial Majesty, that he could never forgive it; he mentioned it in a very artful manner at Council, where I was told that some of the wisest appeared, at least, by their silence, to be of my Opinion; but others, who were my secret Enemies, could not forbear some Expressions, which by a side-wind reflected on me. And from this time began an Intrigue between his Majesty, and a Junto of Ministers maliciously bent against me, which broke out in less than two Months, and had like to have ended in my utter Destruction. Of so little weight are the greatest services to Princes, when put into the Ballance with a Refusal to gratify their Passions.

ABOUT three Weeks after this Exploit, there arrived a solemn Embassy from *Blefuscu*, with humble Offers of a Peace; which was soon concluded upon Conditions

tions very advantageous to our Emperor, wherewith I ſhall not trouble the Reader. There were ſix Ambaſſadors, with a Train of about five hundred Perſons, and their Entry was very magnificent, ſuitable to the Grandeur of their Maſter, and the Importance of their Buſineſs. When their Treaty was finiſhed, wherein I did them ſeveral good offices by the Credit I now had, or at leaſt appeared to have at Court, their Excellencies, who were privately told how much I had been their Friend, made me a viſit in Form. They began with many Compliments upon my Valour and Generoſity, invited me to that Kingdom in the Emperor their Maſter's Name, and deſired me to ſhew them ſome Proofs of my prodigious Strength, of which they had heard ſo many Wonders; wherein I readily obliged them, but ſhall not trouble the Reader with the particulars.

When I had for ſome time entertained their Excellencies to their infinite ſatisfaction and ſurprize, I deſired they

would do me the Honour to preſent my moſt humble Reſpects to the Emperor their Maſter, the Renown of whoſe Virtues had ſo juſtly filled the whole World with Admiration, and whoſe Royal Perſon I reſolved to attend before I returned to my own Country: accordingly, the next time I had the Honour to ſee our Emperor, I deſired his general Licence to wait on the *Blefuſcudian* Monarch, which he was pleas'd to grant me, as I could plainly perceive, in a very cold manner; but could not gueſs the Reaſon, till I had a Whiſper from a certain Perſon, that *Flimnap* and *Bolgolam* had repreſented my Intercourſe with thoſe Ambaſſadors as a mark of Diſaffection, from which I am ſure my Heart was wholly free. And this was the firſt time I began to conceive ſome imperfect Idea of Courts and Miniſters.

IT is to be obſerved, that theſe Ambaſſadors ſpoke to me by an Interpreter, the Languages of both Empires differing as much from each other as any two in *Europe*,

Europe, and each Nation priding itſelf upon the Antiquity, Beauty, and Energy of their own Tongues, with an avowed Contempt for that of their Neighbour; yet our Emperor ſtanding upon the advantage he had got by the ſeiſure of their Fleet, obliged them to deliver their Credentials, and make their Speech in the *Lilliputian* Tongue. And it muſt be confeſſed, that from the great Intercourſe of Trade and Commerce between both Realms, from the continual Reception of Exiles, which is mutual among them, and from the Cuſtom in each Empire to ſend their young Nobility and richer Gentry to the other, in order to poliſh themſelves by ſeeing the World, and underſtanding Men and Manners; there are few Perſons of Diſtinction, or Merchants, or Seamen, who dwell in the maritime Parts, but what can hold Converſation in both Tongues; as I found ſome Weeks after, when I went to pay my reſpects to the Emperor of *Blefuſcu*, which in the midſt of great Misfortunes, through the malice of

my enemies, proved a very happy Adventure to me, as I shall relate in its proper place.

THE Reader may remember, that when I signed those Articles upon which I recovered my Liberty, there were some which I disliked upon account of their being too servile, neither could any thing but an extreme necessity have forced me to submit. But being now a *Nardac*, of the highest Rank in that Empire, such Offices were looked upon as below my Dignity, and the Emperor (to do him Justice) never once mentioned them to me. However, it was not long before I had an Opportunity of doing his Majesty, at least, as I then thought, a most signal Service. I was alarmed at Midnight with the cries of many hundred People at my Door; by which being suddenly awaked, I was in some kind of Terror. I heard the word *Burglum* repeated incessantly: several of the Emperor's Court making their way through the Croud, intreated

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me to come immediately to the Palace, where her imperial Majesty's Apartment was on fire, by the carelessness of a Maid of Honour, who fell asleep while she was reading a Romance. I got up in an instant; and Orders being given to clear the way before me, and it being likewise a Moon-shine Night, I made a shift to get to the Palace without trampling on any of the People. I found they had already applied Ladders to the Walls of the Apartment, and were well provided with Buckers, but the Water was at some distance. These Buckets were about the size of a large Thimble, and the poor People supplied me with them as fast as they could; but the Flame was so violent that they did little good. I might easily have stifled it with my Coat, which I unfortunately left behind me for haste, and came away only in my leathern Jerkin. The Case seemed wholly desperate and deplorable, and this magnificent Palace would have infallibly been burnt down to the ground, if, by a presence

of Mind, unuſual to me, I had not ſuddenly thought of an expedient. I had the Evening before drank plentifully of a moſt delicious Wine, called *Glimigrim*, (the *Blefuſcudians* call it *Flunec*, but ours is eſteemed the better ſort) which is very diuretick. By the luckieſt chance in the World I had not diſcharged my ſelf of any part of it. The Heat I had contracted by coming very near the Flames, and by my labouring to quench them, made the Wine begin to operate by Urine; which I voided in ſuch a Quantity, and applied ſo well to the proper Places, that in three Minutes the Fire was wholly extinguiſhed, and the reſt of that noble Pile, which had coſt ſo many Ages in erecting, preſerved from Deſtruction.

IT was now Day-light, and I returned to my Houſe, without waiting to congratulate with the Emperor; becauſe, although I had done a very eminent piece of Service, yet I could not tell how his Majeſty

jesty might resent the manner by which I had performed it: For, by the fundamental Laws of the Realm, it is Capital in any Person, of what Quality soever, to make water within the Precincts of the Palace. But I was a little comforted by a Message from his Majesty, that he would give orders to the grand Justiciary for passing my Pardon in form; which, however, I could not obtain. And I was privately assured, the Empress conceiving the greatest Abhorrence of what I had done, removed to the most distant side of the Court, firmly resolved that those Buildings should never be repaired for her Use; and, in the presence of her chief Confidents, could not forbear vowing Revenge.

CHAP. VI.

Of the Inhabitants of Lilliput; *their Learning, Laws, and Cuſtoms, the Manner of Educating their Children. The Author's way of living in that Country. His Vindication of a great Lady.*

ALthough I intend to leave the Deſcription of this Empire to a particular Treatiſe, yet in the mean time I am content to gratify the curious Reader with ſome general Ideas. As the common ſize of the Natives is ſomewhat under ſix Inches high, ſo there is an exact Proportion in all other Animals, as well as Plants and Trees: For inſtance, the talleſt Horſes and Oxen are between four and five Inches

ches in height, the Sheep an Inch and a half, more or leſs; their Geeſe about the bigneſs of a Sparrow, and ſo the ſeveral gradations downwards, till you come to the ſmalleſt, which, to my ſight were almoſt inviſible; but Nature hath adapted the Eyes of the *Lilliputians* to all Objects proper for their view: They ſee with great exactneſs but at no great diſtance. And to ſhew the ſharpneſs of their ſight toward Objects that are near, I have been much pleaſed obſerving a Cook pulling a Lark, which was not ſo large as a common Fly; and a young Girl threading an inviſible Needle with inviſible Silk. Their talleſt Trees are about ſeven foot high: I mean ſome of thoſe in the great Royal Park, the tops whereof I could but juſt reach with my Fiſt clinched. The other Vegetables are in the ſame proportion; but this I leave to the Reader's imagination.

I ſhall ſay but little at preſent of their Learning, which for many Ages hath

flouriſhed in all its Branches among them: But their manner of writing is very peculiar, being neither from the left to the right, like the *Europeans*; nor from the right to the left, like the *Arabians*; nor from up to down, like the *Chineſe*; nor from down to up, like the *Caſcagians*; but aſlant from one Corner of the Paper to the other, like Ladies in *England*.

THEY bury their Dead with their Heads directly downwards, becauſe they hold an Opinion, that in eleven thouſand Moons they are all to riſe again, in which Period the Earth (which they conceive to be flat) will turn upſide down, and by this means they ſhall, at their Reſurrection, be found ready ſtanding on their Feet. The Learned among them confeſs the Abſurdity of this Doctrine, but the Practice ſtill continues, in compliance to the Vulgar.

THERE are ſome Laws and Cuſtoms in this Empire very peculiar; and if they were

were not so directly contrary to those of my own dear Country, I should be tempted to say a little in their justification. It is only to be wished, that they were as well executed. The first I shall mention, relates to Informers. All Crimes against the State are punished here with the utmost Severity; but if the Person accused maketh his Innocence plainly to appear upon his Trial, the Accuser is immediately put to an ignominious Death; and out of his Goods or Lands, the innocent Person is quadruply recompensed for the loss of his Time, for the Danger he underwent, for the hardship of his Imprisonment, and for all the Charges he hath been at in making his Defence. Or, if that Fund be deficient, it is largely supplied by the Crown. The Emperor does also confer on him some publick Mark of his Favour, and Proclamation is made of his Innocence through the whole City.

THEY look upon Fraud as a greater Crime and Theft, and therefore seldom

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fail to punish it with Death; for they alledge, that care and vigilance, with a very common Understanding, may preserve a Man's Goods from Theives, but Honesty has no fence against superior Cunning: and since it is necessary that there should be a perpetual Intercourse of buying and selling, and dealing upon Credit, where Fraud is permitted or connived at, or hath no Law to punish it, the honest Dealer is always undone, and the Knave gets the advantage. I remember when I was once interceding with the King for a Criminal who had wronged his Master of a great sum of Money, which he had received by order, and ran away with; and happening to tell his Majesty, by way of extenuation, that it was only a Breach of Trust; the Emperor thought it monstrous in me to offer, as a Defence, the greatest Aggravation of the Crime: And truly I had little to say in return, farther than the common answer, that different Nations had different Customs; for, I confess, I was heartily ashamed.

ALTHOUGH we usually call Reward and Punishment the two Hinges upon which all Government turns, yet I could never observe this Maxim to be put in practice by any Nation except that of *Lilliput*. Whoever can there bring sufficient Proof that he hath strictly observed the Laws of his Country for seventy three Moons, had a claim to certain Privileges, according to his quality and condition of Life, with a proportionable Sum of Money out of a Fund appropriated for that Use: He likewise acquires the Title of *Snilpall*, or *Legal*, which is added to his Name, but does not descend to his Posterity. And these People thought it a prodigious defect of Policy among us, when I told them that our Laws were enforced only by Penalties without any mention of Reward. It is upon this account that the Image of Justice, in their Courts of Judicature, is formed with six Eyes, two before, as many behind, and on each side one, to signify Circumspection;

ſpection? with a Bag of Gold open in her right Hand, and a Sword ſheathed in her left, to ſhew ſhe is more diſpoſed to reward than to puniſh.

IN chuſing Perſons for all Employments, they have more regard to good Morals than to great Abilities; for, ſince Government is neceſſary to Mankind, they believe that the common ſize of human Underſtandings is fitted to ſome Station or other, and that Providence never intended to make the Management of publick Affairs a Myſtery, to be comprehended only by a few Perſons of ſublime Genius, of which there ſeldom are three born in an Age: but they ſuppoſe Truth, Juſtice, Temperance, and the like, to be in every Man's power; the Practice of which Virtues, aſſiſted by Experience and a good Intention, would qualify any Man for the ſervice of his Country, except where a courſe of Study is required. But they thought the want of moral Virtues was ſo far from being ſupplied by ſu-

perior Endowments of the Mind, that Employments could never be put into ſuch dangerous Hands as thoſe of Perſons ſo qualify'd; and at leaſt, that the Miſtakes committed by Ignorance in a virtuous Diſpoſition, would never be of ſuch fatal Conſequence to the Publick Weal, as the Practices of a Man whoſe Inclinations led him to be corrupt, and had great Abilities to manage and multiply, and defend his Corruptions.

In like manner, the Disbelief of a Divine Providence renders a Man uncapable of holding any publick Station; for ſince Kings avow themſelves to be the Deputies of Providence, the *Lilliputians* think nothing can be more abſurd than for a Prince to employ ſuch Men as diſown the Authority under which he acts.

In relating theſe and the following Laws, I would only be underſtood to mean the original Inſtitutions, and not the moſt ſcandalous Corruptions into which

which these People are fallen by the degenerate Nature of Man. For as to that infamous Practice of acquiring great Employments by dancing on the Ropes, or Badges of Favour and Distinction by leaping over Sticks, and creeping under them, the Reader is to observe, that they were first introduced by the Grand-father of the Emperor now reigning, and grew to the present height, by the gradual increase of Party and Faction.

INGRATITUDE is among them a capital Crime, as we read it to have been in some other Countries; for they reason thus, that whoever makes ill returns to his Benefactor, must needs be a common Enemy to the rest of Mankind, from whom he hath received no Obligation, and therefore such a Man is not fit to live.

THEIR Notions relating to the Duties of Parents and Children differ extremely from ours. For, since the Conjunction of Male and Female is founded upon

upon the great Law of Nature, in order to propagate and continue the Species, the *Lilliputians* will needs have it, that Men and Women are joined together like other Animals, by the motives of Concupiſcence; and that their Tenderneſs towards their Young proceeds from the like natural Principle: for which reaſon they will never allow, that a Child is under any obligation to his Father for begetting him, or his Mother for bringing him into the World, which, conſidering the miſeries of human Life, was neither a Benefit in it ſelf, or intended ſo by his Parents, whoſe thoughts in their Love-Encounters were otherwiſe employ'd. Upon theſe, and the like Reaſonings, their Opinion is, that Parents are the laſt of all others to be truſted with the Education of their own Children: and therefore they have in every Town publick Nurſeries, where all Parents, except Cottagers and Labourers, are obliged to ſend their Infants of both Sexes to be reared and educated when they come to the Age of

twenty Moons, at which time they are ſuppoſed to have ſome rudiments of Docility. Theſe Schools are of ſeveral kinds, ſuited to different qualities, and to both Sexes. They have certain Profeſſors well skilled in preparing Children for ſuch a condition of Life as befits the rank of their Parents, and their own Capacities as well as Inclinations. I ſhall firſt ſay ſomething of the male Nurſeries, and then of the Female.

THE Nurſeries for Males of noble or eminent Birth, are provided with grave and learned Profeſſors, and their ſeveral Deputies. The clothes and food of the Children are plain and ſimple. They are bred up in the Principles of Honour, Juſtice, Courage, Modeſty, Clemency, Religion, and Love of their Country; they are always employed in ſome buſineſs, except in the times of eating and ſleeping, which are very ſhort, and two hours for Diverſions, conſiſting of bodily Exerciſes. They are dreſſed by Men till

till four Years of Age, and then are obliged to dreſs themſelves, although their Quality be ever ſo great; and the Women Attendants, who are aged proportionably to ours at fifty, perform only the moſt menial Offices. They are never ſuffered to converſe with Servants, but go together in ſmall or greater numbers to take their Diverſions, and always in the preſence of a Profeſſor, or one of his Deputies; whereby they avoid thoſe early bad impreſſions of Folly and Vice to which our Children are ſubject. Their Parents are ſuffered to ſee them only twice a Year; the Viſit is to laſt but an hour. They are allowed to kiſs the Child at meeting and parting; but a Profeſſor, who always ſtands by on thoſe occaſions, will not ſuffer them to whiſper, or uſe any fondling Expreſſions, or bring any preſents of Toys, Sweet-meats, and the like.

THE Penſion from each Family for the Education and Entertainment of a

Child, upon failure of due payment, is levyed by the Emperor's Officers.

THE Nurſeries for Children of ordinary Gentlemen, Merchants, Traders, and Handicrafts, are managed proportionably after the ſame manner; only thoſe deſigned for Trades, are put out Apprentices at eleven Years old, whereas thoſe of Perſons of Quality continue in their Nurſeries till fifteen, which anſwers to one and twenty with us: but the Confinement is gradually leſſened for the laſt three Years.

IN the female Nurſeries, the young Girls of Quality are educated much like the Males, only they are dreſſed by orderly Servants of their own Sex; but always in the preſence of a Profeſſor or Deputy, till they come to dreſs themſelves, which is at five Years old. And if it be found that theſe Nurſes ever preſume to entertain the Girls with frightful or fooliſh Stories, or the common Follies practiſed

practiſed by Chamber-Maids among us, they are publickly whipped thrice about the City, impriſoned for a Year, and baniſhed for Life to the moſt deſolate part of the Country. Thus the young Ladies there are as much aſhamed of being Cowards and Fools, as the Men, and deſpiſe all perſonal Ornaments beyond Decency and Cleanlineſs: Neither did I perceive any Difference in their Education, made by their difference of Sex, only that the Exerciſes of the Females were not altogether ſo robuſt; and that ſome Rules were given them relating to domeſtick Life, and a ſmaller compaſs of Learning was enjoined them: For the Maxim is, that among People of Quality, a Wife ſhould be always a reaſonable and agreeable Companion, becauſe ſhe cannot always be young. When the Girls are twelve Years old, which among them is the marriageable Age, their Parents or Guardians take them home, with great Expreſſions of Gratitude to the Profeſſors, and ſeldom without Tears

of the young Lady and her Companions.

IN the Nurſeries of Females of the meaner ſort the Children are inſtructed in all kinds of Works proper for their Sex, and their ſeveral degrees: Thoſe intended for Apprentices, are diſmiſſed at nine Years old, the reſt are kept to thirteen.

THE meaner Families, who have Children at theſe Nurſeries, are obliged, beſides their annual Penſion, which is as low as poſſible, to return to the Steward of the Nurſery a ſmall monthly ſhare of their gettings, to be a Portion for the Child; and therefore all Parents are limited in their Expences by the Law. For the *Lilliputians* think nothing can be more unjuſt, than for People, in ſubſervience to their own Appetites, to bring Children into the World, and leave the Burthen of ſupporting them on the Publick. As to Perſons of Quality, they give Security to appropriate a certain

certain Sum for each Child, ſuitable to their Condition; and theſe Funds are always managed with good Husbandry and the moſt exact Juſtice.

THE Cottagers and Labourers keep their Children at home, their Buſineſs being only to till and cultivate the Earth, and therefore their Education is of little conſequence to the Publick; but the Old and Diſeaſed among them are ſupported by Hoſpitals: for Begging is a Trade unknown in this Kingdom.

AND here it may perhaps divert the curious Reader, to give ſome account of my domeſtick, and my manner of living in this Country, during a Reſidence of nine Months and thirteen Days. Having a Head mechanically turned, and being likewiſe forced by neceſſity, I had made for myſelf a Table and Chair convenient enough, out of the largeſt Trees in the Royal Park. Two hundred Sempſtreſſes were employed to make me Shirts,

and Linen for Bed and Table, all of the ſtrongeſt and coarſeſt kind they could get; which, however, they were forced to quilt together in ſeveral Folds, for the thickeſt was ſome degrees finer than Lawn. Their Linen is uſually three Inches wide, and three Foot make a Piece. The Sempſtreſſes took my Meaſure as I lay on the ground, one ſtanding at my Neck, and another at my Mid-leg, with a ſtrong Cord extended, that each held by the end, while the third meaſured the length of the Cord with a Rule of an Inch long. Then they meaſured my right Thumb, and deſired no more; for by a mathematical Computation, that twice round the Thumb is once round the Wriſt, and ſo on to the Neck and the Waſte, and by the help of my old Shirt, which I diſplayed on the Ground before them for a Pattern, they fitted me exactly. Three hundred Taylors were employed in the ſame manner to make me Clothes; but they had another Contrivance for taking my Meaſure. I kneeled down,

down, and they raiſed a Ladder from the Ground to my Neck; upon this Ladder one of them mounted, and let fall a Plum-Line from my Collar to the Floor, which juſt anſwered the length of my Coat; but my Waſte and Arms I meaſured myſelf. When my Clothes were finiſhed, which was done in my Houſe, (for the largeſt of theirs would not be able to hold them) they looked like the Patch-Work made by the Ladies in *England*, only that mine were all of a Colour.

I had three hundred Cooks to dreſs my Victuals, in little convenient Huts built about my Houſe, where they and their Families lived, and prepared me two Diſhes a-piece. I took up twenty Waiters in my Hand, and placed them on the Table, an hundred more attended below on the Ground, ſome with Diſhes of Meat, and ſome with Barrels of Wine, and other Liquors, ſlung on their Shoulders; all which the Waiters above drew up as I wanted, in a very ingenious manner,

ner, by certain Cords, as we draw the Bucket up a Well in *Europe*. A Diſh of their Meat was a good Mouthful, and a Barrel of their Liquor a reaſonable Draught. Their Mutton yields to ours, but their Beef is excellent. I have had a Sirloin ſo large, that I have been forced to make three Bits of it; but this is rare. My Servants were aſtoniſhed to ſee me eat it Bones and all, as in our Country we do the Leg of a Lark. Their Geeſe and Turkeys I uſually eat at a Mouthful, and I muſt confeſs they far exceed ours. Of their ſmaller Fowl I could take up twenty or thirty at the end of my Knife.

ONE day his Imperial Majeſty being informed of my way of living, deſired that himſelf and his Royal Conſort, with the young Princes of the Blood of both Sexes, might have the Happineſs (as he was pleaſed to call it) of dining with me. They came accordingly, and I placed 'em upon Chairs of State on my Table, juſt over-

over-againſt me, with their Guards about them. *Flimnap* the Lord High Treaſurer attended there likewiſe, with his white Staff; and I obſerved he often looked on me with a ſour Countenance, which I would not ſeem to regard, but eat more than uſual, in honour to my dear Country, as well as to fill the Court with Admiration. I have ſome private Reaſons to believe, that this Viſit from his Majeſty gave *Flimnap* an opportunity of doing me ill Offices to his Maſter. That Miniſter had always been my ſecret Enemy, though he outwardly careſſed me more than was uſual to the Moroſeneſs of his Nature. He repreſented to the Emperor the low condition of his Treaſury; that he was forced to take up Money at great Diſcount; that Exchequer Bills would not circulate under nine *per Cent.* below Par; that in ſhort I had coſt his Majeſty above a million and a half of *Sprugs*, (their greateſt Gold Coin, about the bigneſs of a Spangle;) and upon the whole, that it would be adviſeable in the

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Emperor to take the first fair Occasion of dismissing me.

I am here obliged to vindicate the Reputation of an excellent Lady, who was an innocent Sufferer upon my account. The Treasurer took a fancy to be jealous of his Wife, from the Malice of some evil Tongues, who informed him that her Grace had taken a violent Affection for my Person; and the Court-scandal ran for some time, that she once came privately to my Lodging. This I solemnly declare to be a most infamous Falshood, without any Grounds, farther than that her Grace was pleased to treat me with all innocent marks of Freedom and Friendship. I own she came often to my House, but always publickly, nor ever without three more in the Coach, who were usually her Sister and young Daughter, and some particular Acquaintance; but this was common to many other Ladies of the Court. And I still appeal to my Servants round, whether

they at any time saw a Coach at my Door without knowing what Persons were in it. On those occasions, when a Servant had given me notice, my custom was to go immediately to the Door: and, after paying my Respects, to take up the Coach and two Horses very carefully in my Hands, (for if there were six Horses, the Postillion always unharnessed four) and place them on a Table, where I had fixed a moveable Rim quite round, of five Inches high, to prevent accidents. And I have often had four Coaches and Horses at once on my Table full of Company, while I sate in my Chair, leaning my Face towards them; and when I was engaged with one Sett, the Coachmen would gently drive the others round my Table. I have passed many an afternoon very agreeably in these Conversations. But I defy the Treasurer, or his two Informers, (I will name them, and let 'em make their best of it) *Clustril* and *Drunlo*, to prove that any Person ever came to me *incognito*, except the Secretary *Reldresal*,

dreſal, who was ſent by expreſs Command of his Imperial Majeſty, as I have before related. I ſhould not have dwelt ſo long upon this Particular, if it had not been a point wherein the Reputation of a great Lady is ſo nearly concerned, to ſay nothing of my own; though I had then the Honour to be a *Nardac*, which the Treaſurer himſelf is not; for all the World knows he is only a *Glumglum*, a Title inferiour by one Degree, as that of a Marquiſs is to a Duke in *England*, although I allow he preceded me in right of his Poſt. Theſe falſe Informations, which I afterwards came to the knowledge of, by an accident not proper to mention, made *Flimnap*, the Treaſurer, ſhew his Lady for ſome time an ill Countenance, and me a worſe; and although he were at laſt undeceived and reconciled to her, yet I loſt all Credit with him, and found my Intereſt decline very faſt with the Emperor himſelf, who was indeed too much governed by that Favourite.

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CHAP. VII.

The Author being informed of a Deſign to accuſe him of High-Treaſon, makes his Eſcape to Blefuſcu. *His Reception there.*

BEFORE I proceed to give an account of my leaving this Kingdom, it may be proper to inform the Reader of a private Intrigue which had been for two Months forming againſt me.

I had been hitherto all my Life a ſtranger to Courts, for which I was unqualified by the meanneſs of my Condition. I had indeed heard and read enough of the Diſpoſitions of great Princes and Miniſters; but never expected to

have found ſuch terrible effects of them in ſo remote a Country, governed, as I thought, by very different Maxims from thoſe in *Europe*.

WHEN I was juſt preparing to pay my attendance on the Emperor of *Bleſuſcu*, a conſiderable Perſon at Court (to whom I had been very ſerviceable at a time when he lay under the higheſt Diſpleaſure of his Imperial Majeſty) came to my Houſe very privately at Night in a cloſe Chair, and, without ſending his Name, deſired admittance: The Chairmen were diſmiſſed; I put the Chair, with his Lordſhip in it, into my Coat-Pocket; and giving orders to a truſty Servant to ſay I was indiſpoſed and gone to ſleep, I faſtened the Door of my Houſe, placed the Chair on the Table, according to my uſual cuſtom, and ſate down by it. After the common Salutations were over, obſerving his Lordſhip's Countenance full of Concern; and enquiring into the reaſon, he deſired I would hear him

him with patience in a matter that highly concerned my Honour and my Life. His Speech was to the following effect, for I took Notes of it as soon as he left me.

You are to know, said he, that several Committees of Council have been lately called in the most private manner on your account: And it is but two days since his Majesty came to a full resolution.

You are very sensible that *Skyris Bolgolam* (*Galbet*, or high Admiral) hath been your mortal Enemy almost ever since your Arrival: His original Reasons I know not; but his Hatred is much encreased since your great success against *Blefuscu*, by which his Glory, as Admiral, is obscured. This Lord, in conjunction with *Flimnap* the high Treasurer, whose Enmity against you is notorious on account of his Lady, *Limtoc* the General, *Lalcon* the Chamberlain, and *Balmuff* the grand Judiciary, have prepared Ar-

ticles of Impeachment againſt you, for Treaſon, and other capital Crimes.

THIS Preface made me ſo impatient, being conſcious of my own Merits and Innocence, that I was going to interrupt: when he entreated me to be ſilent, and thus proceeded.

OUT of Gratitude for the Favours you have done me, I procured Information of the whole Proceedings, and a Copy of the Articles, wherein I venture my Head for your ſervice.

Articles of Impeachment againſt Quinbus Fleſtrin (*the* Man-Mountain.)

ARTICLE I.

WHEREAS, by a Statute made in the Reign of his Imperial Majeſty *Calin Deffar Plune*, it is enacted, that whoever ſhall make water within the Precincts of the Royal Palace, ſhall be liable to the Pains and Penalties of High Treaſon:

Treaſon: Notwithſtanding the ſaid *Quinbus Fleſtrin*, in open breach of the ſaid Law, under colour of extinguiſhing the Fire kindled in the Apartment of his Majeſty's dear Imperial Conſort, did maliciouſly, traiterouſly, and deviliſhly, by diſcharge of his Urine, put out the ſaid Fire kindled in the ſaid Apartment, lying and being within the Precincts of the ſaid Royal Palace, againſt the Statute in that caſe provided, *&c.* againſt the Duty, *&c.*

ARTICLE II.

THAT the ſaid *Quinbus Fleſtrin* having brought the Imperial Fleet of *Bleſuſcu* into the Royal Port, and being afterwards commanded by his Imperial Majeſty to ſeize all the other Ships of the ſaid Empire of *Bleſuſcu*, and reduce that Empire to a Province, to be governed by a Vice-Roy from hence, and to deſtroy and put to death not only all the *Big-Endian Exiles*, but likewiſe all the People of that Empire, who would not im-

mediately forſake the *Big-Endian* Hereſy: He the ſaid *Fleſtrin*, like a falſe Traitor againſt his moſt Auſpicious, Serene, Imperial Majeſty, did petition to be excuſed from the ſaid Service upon pretence of unwillingneſs to force the Conſciences, or deſtroy the Liberties and Lives of an innocent People.

ARTICLE III.

THAT, whereas certain Embaſſadors arrived from the Court of *Blefuſcu*, to ſue for Peace in his Majeſty's Court: He the ſaid *Fleſtrin* did, like a falſe Traitor, aid, abet, comfort, and divert the ſaid Embaſſadors, although he knew them to be Servants to a Prince who was lately an open Enemy to his Imperial Majeſty, and in open War againſt his ſaid Majeſty.

ARTICLE IV.

THAT the ſaid *Quinbus Fleſtrin*, contrary to the Duty of a faithful Subject, is now preparing to make a Voyage to the Court and Empire of *Blefuſcu*, for which he

he hath received only verbal Licence from his Imperial Majeſty; and under colour of the ſaid Licence doth falſly and traiterouſly intend to take the ſaid Voyage, and thereby to aid, comfort, and abet the Emperor of *Blefuſcu*, ſo late an Enemy, and in open War with his Imperial Majeſty aforeſaid

THERE are ſome other Articles, but theſe are the moſt important, of which I have read you an Abſtract.

IN the ſeveral Debates upon this Impeachment, it muſt be confeſſed that his Majeſty gave many marks of his great Lenity, often urging the Services you had done him, and endeavouring to extenuate your Crimes. The Treaſurer and Admiral inſiſted that you ſhould be put to the moſt painful and ignominious Death, by ſetting fire on your Houſe at Night, and the General was to attend with twenty thouſand Men armed with poiſoned Arrows to ſhoot you on the Face and Hands.

Some of your Servants were to have private orders to ſtrew a poiſonous Juice on your Shirts which would ſoon make you tear your own Fleſh, and die in the utmoſt Torture. The General came into the ſame Opinion; ſo that for a long time there was a majority againſt you: But his Majeſty reſolving, if poſſible, to ſpare your Life, at laſt brought off the Chamberlain.

UPON this Incident, *Reldreſal*, Principal Secretary for private Affairs, who always approved himſelf your true Friend, was commanded by the Emperor to deliver his Opinion, which he accordingly did: and therein juſtify'd the good Thoughts you have of him. He allowed your Crimes to be great, but that ſtill there was room for Mercy, the moſt commendable Virtue in a Prince, and for which his Majeſty was ſo juſtly celebrated. He ſaid, the Friendſhip between you and him was ſo well known to the World that perhaps the moſt honourable Board might

might think him partial: However, in obedience to the Command he had received, he would freely offer his Sentiments. That if his Majesty, in consideration of your Services, and pursuant to his own merciful Disposition, would please to spare your Life, and only give order to put out both your Eyes, he humbly conceived, that by this Expedient, Justice might in some measure be satisfied, and all the World would applaud the Lenity of the Emperor, as well as the fair and generous Proceedings of those who have the Honour to be his Counsellors. That the loss of your Eyes would be no impediment to your bodily Strength, by which you might still be useful to his Majesty. That Blindness is an addition to Courage, by concealing Dangers from us; that the fear you had for your Eyes, was the greatest Difficulty in bringing over the Enemy's Fleet, and it would be sufficient for you to see by the Eyes of the Ministers, since the greatest Princes do no more.

THIS Propoſal was received with the utmoſt Diſapprobation by the whole Board. *Bolgolam*, the Admiral, could not preſerve his Temper; but riſing up in Fury, ſaid, he wondered how the Secretary durſt preſume to give his opinion for preſerving the Life of a Traytor: That the Services you had performed, were, by all true Reaſons of State, the great Aggravation of your Crimes; that you, who were able to extinguiſh the Fire, by diſcharge of Urine in her Majeſty's Apartment (which he mentioned with horror) might, at another time, raiſe an Inundation by the ſame means, to drown the whole Palace; and the ſame Strength which enabled you to bring over the Enemy's Fleet, might ſerve, upon the firſt Diſcontent, to carry it back: That he had good Reaſons to think you were a *Big-Endian* in your Heart; and as Treaſon begins in the Heart, before it appears in Overt-acts, ſo he accuſed you as a Traytor on that account, and therefore inſiſted you ſhould be put to death.

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THE Treaſurer was of the ſame opinion; he ſhewed to what ſtreights his Majeſty's Revenue was reduced by the charge of maintaining you, which would ſoon grow inſupportable: That the Secretary's Expedient of putting out your Eyes was ſo far from being a Remedy againſt this Evil, it would probably encreaſe it, as it is manifeſt from the common practice of blinding ſome kind of Fowl, after which they fed the faſter, and grew ſooner fat: That his ſacred Majeſty, and the Council, who are your Judges, were in their own Conſciences fully convinced of your Guilt, which was a ſufficient Argument to condemn you to death, without the formal Proofs required by the ſtrict letter of the Law.

BUT his Imperial Majeſty fully determined againſt capital Puniſhment, was graciouſly pleaſed to ſay, that ſince the Council thought the loſs of your Eyes too eaſy a Cenſure, ſome other may be inflicted

inflicted hereafter. And your Friend the Secretary humbly desiring to be heard again, in answer to what the Treasurer had objected concerning the great charge his Majesty was at in maintaining you, said, that his Excellency, who had the sole disposal of the Emperor's Revenue, might easily provide against that Evil, by gradually lessening your Establishment; by which, for want of sufficient Food, you would grow weak and faint, and lose your Appetite, and consequently decay and consume in a few Months; neither would the Stench of your Carcass be then so dangerous, when it should become more than half diminished; and immediately upon your Death, five or six thousand of his Majesty's Subjects might, in two or three days, cut your Flesh from your Bones, take it away by Cart-loads, and bury it in distant parts to prevent Infection, leaving the Skeleton as a Monument of Admiration to Posterity.

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THUS by the great Friendſhip of the Secretary, the whole Affair was compromiſed. It was ſtrictly enjoin'd, that the Project of ſtarving you by degrees ſhould be kept a Secret, but the Sentence of putting out your Eyes was entered on the Books; none diſſenting except *Bolgolam* the Admiral, who being a Creature of the Empreſs, was perpetually inſtigated by her Majeſty to inſiſt upon your Death, ſhe having born perpetual Malice againſt you, on account of that infamous and illegal Method you took to extinguiſh the fire in her Apartment.

IN three days your Friend the Secretary will be directed to come to your Houſe, and read before you the Articles of Impeachment; and then to ſignify the great Lenity and Favour of his Majeſty and Council, whereby you are only condemned to the loſs of your Eyes, which his Majeſty doth not queſtion you will gratefully and humbly ſubmit to; and

twenty of his Majesty's Surgeons will attend, in order to see the Operation well performed, by discharging very sharp-pointed Arrows into the Balls of your Eyes, as you lie on the Ground.

I leave to your Prudence what Measures you will take; and to avoid Suspicion, I must immediately return in as private a manner as I came.

HIS Lordship did so, and I remained alone, under many Doubts and Perplexities of Mind.

IT was a Custom introduced by this Prince and his Ministry, (very different, as I have been assured, from the Practices of former Times) that after the Court had decreed any cruel Execution, either to gratify the Monarch's Resentment, or the Malice of a Favourite, the Emperor made a Speech to his whole Council, expressing his great Lenity and Tenderness, as qualities known and confessed by all the World.

World. This Speech was immediately publiſhed through the Kingdom; nor did any thing terrify the People ſo much as thoſe Encomiums on his Majeſty's Mercy; becauſe it was obſerved, that the more theſe Praiſes were enlarged and inſiſted on, the more inhuman was the Puniſhment, and the Sufferer more innocent. And as to my ſelf, I muſt confeſs, having never been deſigned for a Courtier either by my Birth or Education, I was ſo ill a Judge of Things, that I could not diſcover the Lenity and Favour of this Sentence, but conceived it (perhaps erroneouſly) rather to be rigorous than gentle. I ſometimes thought of ſtanding my Tryal, for although I could not deny the Facts alledged in the ſeveral Articles, yet I hoped they would admit of ſome Extenuations. But having in my Life peruſed many State-Tryals, which I ever obſerved to terminate as the Judges thought fit to direct, I durſt not rely on ſo dangerous a Deciſion, in ſo critical a Juncture, and againſt ſuch powerful Enemies. Once I

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was ſtrongly bent upon Reſiſtance, for while I had liberty, the whole ſtrength of that Empire could hardly ſubdue me, and I might eaſily with Stones pelt the Metropolis to pieces; but I ſoon rejected that Project with Horror, by remembring the Oath I had made to the Emperor, the Favours I received from him, and the high Title of *Nardac* he conferred upon me. Neither had I ſo ſoon learned the Gratitude of Courtiers, to perſuade my ſelf that his Majeſty's preſent ſeverities acquitted me of all paſt Obligations.

AT laſt I fixed upon a Reſolution, for which it is probable I may incur ſome Cenſure, and not unjuſtly; for I confeſs I owe the preſerving mine Eyes, and conſequently my Liberty, to my own great Raſhneſs and want of Experience: becauſe if I had then known the Nature of Princes and Miniſters, which I have ſince obſerved in many other Courts, and their Methods of treating Criminals leſs obnoxious than my ſelf, I ſhould with great ala-

alacrity and readineſs have ſubmitted to ſo eaſy a puniſhment. But hurry'd on by the Precipitancy of Youth, and having his Imperial Majeſty's Licence to pay my Attendance upon the Emperor of *Blefuſcu*, I took this opportunity, before the three Days were elapſed, to ſend a Letter to my friend the Secretary, ſignifying my Reſolution of ſetting out that Morning for *Blefuſcu* purſuant to the leave I had got; and without waiting for an Anſwer, I went to that ſide of the Iſland where our Fleet lay. I ſeized a large Man of War, tyed a cable to the Prow, and lifting up the Anchors, I ſtript my ſelf, put my Cloaths (together with my Coverlet, which I brought under my Arm) into the Veſſel, and drawing it after me between wading and ſwimming, arrived at the royal Port of *Blefuſcu*, where the People had long expected me; they lent me two Guides to direct me to the Capital City, which is of the ſame Name. I held them in my hands till I came within two hundred Yards of the Gate, and deſired them to ſignify

ſignify my Arrival to one of the Secretaries, and let him know, I there waited his Majeſty's Command. I had an Anſwer in about an Hour, that his Majeſty, attended by the Royal Family, and great Officers of the Court, was coming out to receive me. I advanced a hundred Yards. The Emperor, and his Train, alighted from their Horſes, the Empreſs and Ladies from their Coaches, and I did not perceive they were in any Fright or Concern. I lay on the Ground to kiſs his Majeſty's and the Empreſs's Hand. I told his Majeſty that I was come according to my promiſe, and with the Licence of the Emperor my Maſter, to have the Honour of ſeeing ſo mighty a Monarch, and to offer him any Service in my power, conſiſtent with my Duty to my own Prince; not mentioning a word of my Diſgrace, becauſe I had hitherto no regular Information of it, and might ſuppoſe my ſelf wholly ignorant of any ſuch Deſign; neither could I reaſonably conceive that the Emperor would diſcover the Secret while

while I was out of his Power: wherein, however, it ſoon appeared I was deceived.

I ſhall not trouble the Reader with the particular Account of my Reception at this Court, which was ſuitable to the generoſity of ſo great a Prince; nor of the Difficulties I was in for want of a Houſe and Bed, being forced to lie on the Ground, wrapt up in my Coverlet.

CHAP. VIII.

The Author, by a lucky Accident, finds means to leave Blefuſcu; *and, after ſome Difficulties, returns ſafe to his native Country.*

THREE Days after my Arrival, walking out of Curioſity to the North-Eaſt Coaſt of the Iſland, I obſerved, about half a League off, in the Sea, ſomewhat that looked like a Boat overturned. I pulled off my Shoes and Stockings, and wading two or three hundred Yards, I found the object to approach nearer by force of the Tide; and then plainly ſaw it to be a real Boat, which I ſuppoſed might, by ſome Tempeſt, have been driven from a Ship: whereupon I returned immediately towards the City, and deſired

desired his Imperial Majesty to lend me twenty of the tallest Vessels he had left after the loss of his Fleet, and three thousand Seamen under the Command of the Vice-Admiral. This Fleet sailed round, while I went back the shortest way to the Coast where I first discovered the Boat; I found the Tide had driven it still nearer. The Seamen were all provided with Cordage, which I had beforehand twisted to a sufficient strength. When the Ships came up, I stript my self, and waded till I came within an hundred Yards of the Boat, after which I was forced to swim till I got up to it. The Seamen threw me the end of the Cord, which I fastened to a Hole in the fore-part of the Boat, and the other end to a Man of War: But I found all my Labour to little purpose; for being out of my depth, I was not able to work. In this Necessity, I was forced to swim behind, and push the Boat forwards as often as I could, with one of my Hands; and the Tide favouring me, I advanced so far, that I could just hold up my Chin and feel the

Ground. I rested two or three Minutes, and then gave the Boat another Shove, and so on till the Sea was no higher than my Arm-pits; and now the most laborious part being over, I took out my other Cables, which were stowed in one of the Ships, and fastening them first to the Boat, and then to nine of the Vessels which attended me; the Wind being favourable the Sea-men towed, and I shoved till we arrived within forty Yards of the Shore, and waiting till the Tide was out, I got dry to the Boat, and by the assistance of two thousand Men, with Ropes and Engines, I made a shift to turn it on its Bottom, and found it was but little damaged.

I shall not trouble the Reader with the Difficulties I was under by the help of certain Paddles, which cost me ten days making, to get my Boat to the Royal Port of *Blefuscu*, where a mighty concourse of People appeared upon my arrival, full of Wonder at the sight of so prodi-

prodigious a Veſſel. I told the Emperor that my good Fortune had thrown this Boat in my way, to carry me to ſome place from whence I might return into my native Country, and begged his Majeſty's Orders for getting Materials to fit it up, together with his Licence to depart; which, after ſome kind Expoſtulations, he was pleaſed to grant.

I did very much wonder, in all this time, not to have heard of any Expreſs relating to me from our Emperor to the Court of *Blefuſcu*. But I was afterwards given privately to underſtand, that his Imperial Majeſty, never imagining I had the leaſt notice of his Deſigns, believed I was only gone to *Blefuſcu* in performance of my Promiſe, according to the Licence he had given me, which was well known at our Court, and would return in a few days when that Ceremony was ended. But he was at laſt in pain at my long abſence; and, after conſulting with the Treaſurer, and the reſt of that

Cabal, a Perſon of Quality was diſpatched with the Copy of the Articles againſt me. This Envoy had Inſtructions to repreſent to the Monarch of *Blefuſcu* the great Lenity of his Maſter, who was content to puniſh me no further than with the loſs of mine Eyes; that I had fled from Juſtice, and if I did not return in two Hours, I ſhould be deprived of my Title of *Nardac*, and declared a Traitor. The Envoy further added, that in order to maintain the Peace and Amity between both Empires, his Maſter expected, that his Brother of *Blefuſcu* would give Orders to have me ſent back to *Lilliput*, bound Hand and Foot, to be puniſhed as a Traitor.

THE Emperor of *Blefuſcu* having taken three Days to conſult, returned an Anſwer, conſiſting of many Civilities and Excuſes. He ſaid, that as for ſending me bound, his Brother knew it was impoſſible; that although I had deprived him of his Fleet, yet he owed great Obligations to me for many good Offices I had

had done him in making the Peace. That however both their Majesties would soon be made easy; for I had found a prodigious Vessel on the Shore, able to carry me on the Sea, which he had given order to fit up with my own Assistance and Direction; and he hoped in a few Weeks both Empires would be freed from so insupportable an Incumbrance.

WITH this Answer the Envoy returned to *Lilliput*, and the Monarch of *Blefuscu* related to me all that had past; offering me at the same time (but under the strictest Confidence) his gracious Protection, if I would continue in his Service; wherein although I believed him sincere, yet I resolved never more to put any Confidence in Princes or Ministers, where I could possibly avoid it; and therefore, with all due Acknowldegments for his favourable Intentions, I humbly begged to be excused. I told him, that since Fortune, whether good or evil, had thrown a Vessel in my way, I was re-

ſolved to venture myſelf in the Ocean, rather than be an occaſion of difference between two ſuch mighty Monarchs. Neither did I find the Emperor at all diſpleaſed; and I diſcover'd, by a certain Accident, that he was very glad of my Reſolution, and ſo were moſt of his Miniſters.

THESE Conſiderations moved mẽ to haſten my Departure ſomewhat ſooner than I intended; to which the Court, impatient to have me gone, very readily contributed. Five hundred Workmen were employed to make two Sails to my Boat, according to my Directions, by quilting thirteen fold of their ſtrongeſt Linen together. I was at the pains of making Ropes and Cables, by twiſting ten, twenty, or thirty of the thickeſt and ſtrongeſt of theirs. A great Stone that I happen'd to find, after a long Search by the Sea ſhore, ſerved me for an Anchor. I had the Tallow of three hundred Cows for greaſing my boat, and other Uſes.

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I was at incredible pains in cutting down ſome of the largeſt Timber-Trees for Oars and Maſts, wherein I was, however, much aſſiſted by his Majeſty's Ship-Carpenters, who helped me in ſmoothing them, after I had done the rough Work.

In about a Month, when all was prepared, I ſent to receive his Majeſty's Commands, and to take my leave. The Emperor and Royal Family came out of the Palace; I lay down on my Face to kiſs his Hand, which he very graciouſly gave me; ſo did the Empreſs, and young Princes of the Blood. His Majeſty preſented me with fifty Purſes of two hundred *Sprugs* a-piece, together with his Picture at full length, which I put immediately into one of my Gloves, to keep it from being hurt. The Ceremonies at my Departure were too many to trouble the Reader with at this time.

I ſtored the Boat with the Carcaſſes of an hundred Oxen, and three hundred Sheep,

Sheep, with Bread and Drink proportionable, and as much Meat ready dreſſed as four hundred Cooks could provide. I took with me ſix Cows and two Bulls alive, with as many Ewes and Rams, intending to carry them into my own Country, and propagate the Breed. And to feed them on board, I had a good bundle of Hay, and a Bag of Corn. I would gladly have taken a Dozen of the Natives, but this was a thing the Emperor would by no means permit; and beſides a diligent Search into my Pockets, his Majeſty engaged my Honour not to carry away any of his Subjects, although with their own Conſent and Deſire.

HAVING thus prepared all things as well as I was able, I ſet ſail on the twenty-fourth Day of *September* 1701, at ſix in the Morning; and when I had gone about four Leagues to the Northward, the Wind being at South-Eaſt, at ſix in the Evening, I deſcryed a ſmall Iſland about half a League to the North-Weſt. I advanced

vanced forward, and caſt Anchor on the Lee-ſide of the Iſland, which ſeemed to be uninhabited. I then took ſome Refreſhment, and went to my reſt. I ſlept well, and I conjecture at leaſt ſix Hours, for I found the Day broke in two Hours after I awaked. It was a clear Night. I eat my Breakfaſt before the Sun was up; and heaving Anchor, the Wind being favourable, I ſteered the ſame Courſe that I had done the Day before, wherein I was directed by my Pocket-compaſs. My Intention was to reach, if poſſible, one of thoſe Iſlands, which I had reaſon to believe lay to the North-Eaſt of *Van Diemen*'s Land. I diſcovered nothing all that Day; but upon the next, about three in the Afternoon, when I had by my Computation made twenty-four Leagues from *Blefuſcu*, I deſcryed a Sail ſteering to the South-Eaſt; my Courſe was due Eaſt. I hailed her, but could get no Anſwer; yet I found I gained upon her, for the wind ſlackned. I made all the ſail I could, and in half an hour ſhe ſpyed me, then hung

hung out her Antient, and discharged a Gun. It is not easy to express the Joy I was in upon the unexpected hope of once more seeing my beloved Country, and the dear Pledges I left in it. The Ship slackned her Sails, and I came up with her between five and six in the Evening, *September* 26; but my Heart leapt within me to see her *English* Colours. I put my Cows and Sheep into my Coat-Pockets, and got on board with all my little Cargo of Provisions. The Vessel was an *English* Merchant-Man, returning from *Japan* by the *North* and *South-Seas*; the Captain, Mr. *John Biddel* of *Deptford*, a very civil Man, and an excellent Sailor. We were now in the Latitude of 30 Degrees South, there were about fifty Men in the Ship; and here I met an old Comrade of mine, one *Peter Williams*, who gave me a good Character to the Captain. This Gentleman treated me with Kindness, and desired I would let him know what place I came from last, and whither I was bound; which

which I did in few Words, but he thought I was raving, and that the Dangers I underwent had disturbed my Head; whereupon I took my black Cattle and Sheep out of my Pocket, which, after great Astonishment, clearly convinced him of my Veracity. I then shewed him the Gold given me by the Emperor of *Lilliput*, together with his Majesty's Picture at full length, and some other Rarities of that Country. I gave him two Purses of two hundred *Sprugs* each, and promised, when we arrived in *England*, to make him a Present of a Cow and a Sheep big with young.

I shall not trouble the Reader with a particular account of this Voyage, which was very prosperous for the most part. We arrived in the *Downs* on the 13th of *April* 1702. I had only one Misfortune, that the Rats on board carried away one of my Sheep; I found her Bones in a Hole, picked clean from the Flesh.

Fleſh. The reſt of my Cattle I got ſafe on ſhore, and ſet them a grazing in a Bowling-Green at *Greenwich*, where the fineneſs of the Graſs made them feed very heartily, though I had always feared the contrary: neither could I poſſibly have preſerved them in ſo long a Voyage, if the Captain had not allowed me ſome of his beſt Bisket, which rubbed to Powder, and mingled with Water, was their conſtant Food. The ſhort time I continued in *England*, I made a conſiderable profit by ſhewing my Cattle to many Perſons of Quality, and others: and before I began my ſecond Voyage, I ſold them for ſix hundred Pounds. Since my laſt return, I find the Breed is conſiderably increaſed, eſpecially the Sheep; which I hope will prove much to the Advantage of the Woollen Manufacture, by the Fineneſs of the Fleeces.

I ſtayed but two Months with my Wife and Family; for my inſatiable Deſire of ſeeing foreign Countries would ſuffer me to continue no longer. I left fifteen hundred Pounds with my Wife, and fixed her in a good Houſe at *Redriff*. My remaining Stock I carried with me, part in Money, and part in Goods, in hopes to improve my Fortunes. My eldeſt Uncle *John* had left me an Eſtate in Land, near *Epping*, of about thirty Pounds a Year; and I had a long Leaſe of the *Black-Bull* in *Fetter-Lane*, which yielded me as much more: ſo that I was not in any danger of leaving my Family upon the Pariſh. My Son *Johnny*, named ſo after his Uncle, was at the Grammar School, and a towardly Child. My Daughter *Betty* (who is now well married, and has Children) was then at her Needle-Work. I took leave of my Wife, and Boy and Girl, with tears on both ſides, and went on

on board the *Adventure*, a Merchant-Ship of three hundred Tons, bound for *Surat*, Captain *John Nicholas* of *Leverpool* Commander. But my Account of this Voyage muſt be referred to the ſecond Part of my Travels.

The End of the Firſt Part.

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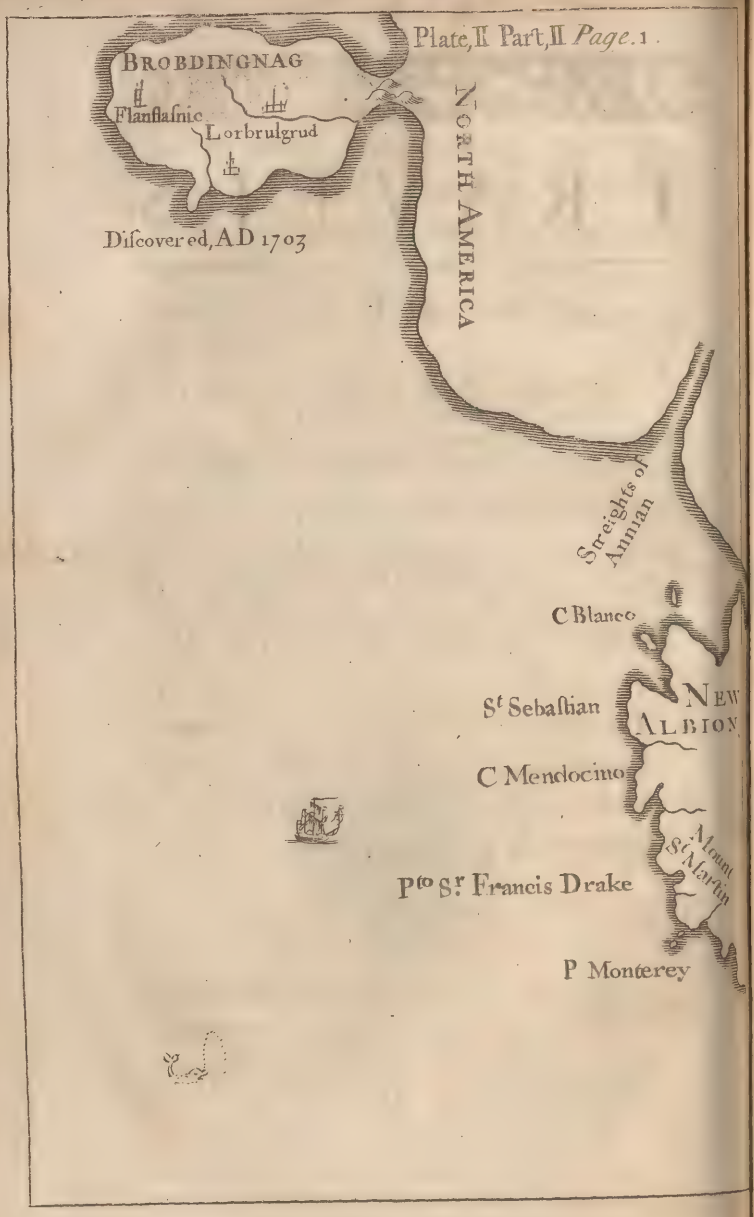
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HAVING been condemned by Nature and Fortune to an active and restless Life, in two months after my Return, I again left my native Country, and took shipping

in the *Downs* on the 20*th* Day of *June* 1702. in the *Adventure*, Capt. *John Nicholas*, a *Corniſh* Man, Commander, bound for *Surat*. We had a very proſperous Gale till we arrived at the *Cape* of *Good-hope*, where we landed for freſh Water, but diſcovering a Leak we unſhipped our Goods, and winter'd there; for the Captain falling ſick of an Ague, we could not leave the *Cape* till the end of *March*. We then ſet ſail, and had a good Voyage till we paſſed the *Streights* of *Madagaſcar*; but having got Northward of that Iſland, and to about five Degrees South Latitude, the Winds, which in thoſe Seas are obſerved to blow a conſtant equal Gale between the North and Weſt from the beginning of *December* to the beginning of *May*, on the 19th of *April* began to blow with much greater Violence, and more Weſterly than uſual, continuing ſo for twenty Days together, during which time we were driven a little to the Eaſt of the *Molucca* Iſlands, and about three Degrees

Degrees Northward of the Line, as our Captain found by an Obſervation he took the 2*d* of *May*, at which time the Wind ceaſed, and it was a perfect Calm, whereat I was not a little rejoyced. But he being a Man well experienc'd in the Navigation of thoſe Seas, bid us all prepare againſt a Storm, which accordingly happened the day following: For a Southern Wind, called the Southern *Monſoon*, began to ſet in.

FINDING it was like to overblow, we took in our Sprit-ſail, and ſtood by to hand the Fore-ſail; but making foul Weather, we look'd the Guns were all faſt, and handed the Miſſen. The Ship lay very broad off, ſo we thought it better ſpooning before the Sea, than trying or hulling. We reeft the Fore-ſail and ſet him, we hawl'd aft the Fore-ſheet; the Helm was hard a Weather. The Ship wore bravely. We belay'd the Fore-down-hall; but the Sail was ſplit, and we hawl'd down the Yard, and got the Sail

into the Ship, and unbound all the things clear of it. It was a very fierce Storm; the Sea broke ſtrange and dangerous. We hawl'd off upon the Lanniard of the Whipſtaff, and helped the Man at Helm. We would not get down our Top-maſt, but let all ſtand, becauſe ſhe ſcudded before the Sea very well, and we knew that the Top-maſt being aloft, the Ship was the wholeſomer, and made better way thro' the Sea, ſeeing we had Sea-room. When the Storm was over, we ſet Fore-ſail and Main-ſail, and brought the Ship to. Then we ſet the Miſſen, Main-top-ſail and the Foretop-ſail. Our Courſe was Eaſt North-eaſt, the wind was at South-weſt. We got the Star-board Tacks aboard, we caſt off our Weather-braces and Lifts; we ſet in the Lee-braces, and hawl'd forward by the Weather-bowlings, and hawl'd them tight, and belayed them, and hawl'd over the Miſſen Tack to Windward, and kept her full and by as near as ſhe could lye.

DURING this Storm, which was followed by a ſtrong Wind Weſt South-weſt, we were carried, by my Computation, about five hundred Leagues to the Eaſt, ſo that the oldeſt Sailor on board could not tell in what part of the World we were. Our Proviſions held out well, our Ship was ſtaunch, and our Crew all in good Health; but we lay in the utmoſt diſtreſs for Water. We thought it beſt to hold on the ſame Courſe, rather than turn more northerly, which might have brought us to the North-weſt parts of great *Tartary*, and into the frozen Sea.

ON the 16th day of *June* 1703. a Boy on the Top-maſt diſcovered Land. On the 17th we came in full View of a great Iſland or Continent (for we knew not whether) on the South-ſide whereof was a ſmall neck of Land jutting out into the Sea, and a Creek too ſhallow to hold a Ship of above one hundred Tuns. We caſt anchor within a League of this Creek, and our Captain

ſent a dozen of his Men well armed in the Long-boat, with Veſſels for Water, if any could be found. I deſired his leave to go with them, that I might ſee the Country, and make what Diſcoveries I could. When we came to Land we ſaw no River or Spring, nor any ſign of Inhabitants. Our Men therefore wander'd on the Shore to find out ſome freſh Water near the Sea, and I walked alone about a mile on the other ſide, where I obſerved the Country all barren and rocky. I now began to be weary, and ſeeing nothing to entertain my Curioſity, I returned gently down towards the Creek; and the Sea being full in my View, I ſaw our Men already got into the Boat, and rowing for Life to the Ship. I was going to hollow after them, although it had been to little purpoſe, when I obſerved a huge Creature walking after them in the Sea, as faſt as he could: He waded not much deeper than his Knees, and took prodigious ſtrides: But our Men had the ſtart of him half a League, and the Sea

Sea thereabouts being full of ſharp pointed Rocks, the Monſter was not able to overtake the Boat. This I was afterwards told, for I durſt not ſtay to ſee the iſſue of that Adventure; but ran as faſt as I could the way I firſt went, and then climbed up a ſteep Hill, which gave me ſome proſpect of the Country. I found it fully cultivated; but that which firſt ſurprized me was the length of the Graſs, which in thoſe Grounds that ſeemed to be kept for Hay, was above twenty foot high.

I FELL into a high Road, for ſo I took it to be, though it ſerved to the Inhabitants only as a foot Path through a Field of Barley. Here I walked on for ſome time, but could ſee little on either ſide, it being now near Harveſt, and the Corn riſing at leaſt forty foot. I was an hour walking to the end of this Field, which was fenced in with a Hedge of at leaſt one hundred and twenty foot high, and the Trees ſo loft y that I could make no Com-

putation of their Altitude. There was a Stile to pass from this Field into the next. It had four Steps, and a Stone to cross over when you came to the uppermost. It was impossible for me to climb this Stile, because every Step was six Foot high, and the upper Stone above twenty. I was endeavouring to find some Gap in the Hedge, when I discovered one of the Inhabitants in the next Field, advancing towards the Stile, of the same Size with him whom I saw in the Sea, pursuing our Boat. He appeared as tall as an ordinary Spire-steeple, and took about ten Yards at every Stride, as near as I could guess. I was struck with the utmost Fear and Astonishment, and ran to hide my self in the Corn from whence I saw him at the top of the Stile, looking back into the next Field on the right hand, and heard him call in a Voice many degrees louder than a speaking Trumpet; but the Noise was so high in the Air, that at first I certainly thought it was Thunder. Whereupon seven Monsters

sters like himself came towards him with Reaping-hooks in their Hands, each Hook about the largeness of six Scythes. These People were not so well clad as the first, whose Servants or Labourers they seemed to be: For upon some words he spoke, they went to reap the Corn in the Field where I lay. I kept from them at as great a distance as I could, but was forced to move with extreme Difficulty, for the Stalks of the Corn were sometimes not above a foot distant, so that I could hardly squeeze my Body betwixt them. I made shift to go forward till I came to a part of the Field where the Corn had been laid by the Rain and Wind. Here it was impossible for me to advance a step; for the Stalks were so interwoven that I could not creep thorough, and the Beards of the fallen Ears so strong and pointed that they pierced through my Cloaths into my Flesh. At the same time I heard the Reapers not above an hundred Yards behind me. Being quite dispirited with Toil, and wholly overcome

come by Grief and Deſpair, I lay down between two Ridges, and heartily wiſhed I might there end my days. I bemoaned my deſolate Widow, and fatherleſs Children. I lamented my own Folly and Wilfulneſs in attempting a ſecond Voyage againſt the advice of all my Friends and Relations. In this terrible Agitation of Mind I could not forbear thinking of *Lilliput*, whoſe Inhabitants looked upon me as the greateſt Prodigy that ever appeared in the World: Where I was able to draw an Imperial Fleet in my Hand, and perform thoſe other Actions which will be recorded for ever in the Chronicles of that Empire, while Poſterity ſhall hardly believe them, although atteſted by Millions. I reflected what a Mortification it muſt prove to me to appear as inconſiderable in this Nation as one ſingle *Lilliputian* would be among us. But this I conceived was to be the leaſt of my Misfortunes: For, as human Creatures are obſerved to be more ſavage and cruel in proportion to their

their Bulk, what could I expect but to be a Morsel in the Mouth of the first among these enormous Barbarians that should happen to seize me? Undoubtedly Philosophers are in the right when they tell us, that nothing is great or little otherwise than by Comparison. It might have pleased Fortune to let the *Lilliputians* find some Nation, where the People were as diminutive with respect to them, as they were to me. And who knows but that even this prodigious Race of Mortals might be equally overmatched in some distant part of the World, whereof we have yet no Discovery?

SCARED and confound as I was, I could not forbear going on with these Reflections, when one of the Reapers approaching within ten yards of the Ridge where I lay, made me apprehend that with the next Step I should be squashed to Death under his Foot, or cut in two with his Reaping-hook. And therefore when he was again about to move, I screamed

ſcreamed as loud as Fear could make me. Whereupon the huge Creature trod ſhort, and looking round about under him for ſome time, at laſt eſpied me as I lay on the Ground. He conſidered a while with the Caution of one who endeavours to lay hold on a ſmall dangerous Animal in ſuch a manner that it may not be able either to ſcratch or to bite him, as I myſelf have ſometimes done with a Weaſel in *England*. At length he ventured to take me up behind by the middle between his fore Finger and Thumb, and brought me within three yards of his Eyes, that he might behold my Shape more perfectly. I gueſſed his meaning, and my good Fortune gave me ſo much Preſence of Mind, that I reſolved not to ſtruggle in the leaſt as he held me in the Air, about ſixty foot from the Ground, although he grievouſly pinched my Sides, for fear I ſhould ſlip through his Fingers. All I ventured was to raiſe mine Eyes towards the Sun, and place my Hands together in a ſupplicating Poſture, and to ſpeak ſome words

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in an humble melancholy Tone, ſuitable to the Condition I then was in. For I apprehended every moment that he would daſh me againſt the Ground, as we uſually do any little hateful Animal which we have a mind to deſtroy. But my good Star would have it, that he appeared pleaſed with my Voice and Geſtures, and began to look upon me as a Curioſity, much wondering to hear me pronounce articulate words, although he could not underſtand them. In the mean time I was not able to forbear groaning and ſhedding Tears, and turning my Head towards my Sides; letting him know, as well as I could, how cruelly I was hurt by the Preſſure of his Thumb and Finger. He ſeemed to apprehend my meaning; for, lifting up the Lappet of his Coat, he put me gently into it, and immediately ran along with me to his Maſter, who was a ſubſtantial Farmer, and the ſame Perſon I had firſt ſeen in the Field.

THE Farmer having (as I ſuppoſe by their Talk) received ſuch an Account of me as his Servant could give him, took a piece of a ſmall Straw, about the ſize of a walking Staff, and therewith lifted up the Lappets of my Coat; which it ſeems he thought to be ſome kind of Covering that Nature had given me. He blew my Hairs aſide to take a better View of my Face. He called his Hinds about him, and asked them (as I afterwards learned) whether they had ever ſeen in the Fields any little Creature that reſembled me; He then placed me ſoftly on the Ground upon all four, but I got immediately up, and walked ſlowly backwards and forwards, to let thoſe People ſee I had no Intent to run away. They all ſate down in a Circle about me, the better to obſerve my Motions. I pulled off my Hat, and made a low Bow towards the Farmer. I fell on my Knees, and lifted up my Hands and Eyes, and ſpoke ſeveral words as loud as I could: I took a Purſe of Gold out of my Pocket, and humbly

preſented it to him. He received it on the Palm of his Hand, then applied it cloſe to his Eye, to ſee what it was, and afterwards turned it ſeveral times with the point of a Pin, (which he took out of his Sleeve,) but could make nothing of it. Whereupon I made a Sign that he ſhould place his Hand on the Ground. I took the Purſe, and opening it, poured all the Gold into his Palm. There were ſix *Spaniſh* Pieces of four Piſtoles each, beſides twenty or thirty ſmaller Coins. I ſaw him wet the Tip of his little Finger upon his Tongue, and take up one of my largeſt Pieces, and then another, but he ſeemed to be wholly ignorant what they were. He made me a Sign to put them again into my Purſe, and the Purſe again into my Pocket, which after offering to him ſeveral times, I thought it beſt to do.

THE Farmer by this time was convinced I muſt be a rational Creature. He ſpoke often to me, but the Sound of his

his Voice pierced my Ears like that of a Water-mill; yet his Words were articulate enough. I answered as loud as I could, in several Languages, and he often laid his Ear within two Yards of me; but all in vain, for we were wholly unintelligible to each other. He then sent his Servants to their Work, and taking his Handkerchief out of his Pocket he doubled and spread it on his left Hand, which he plac'd flat on the Ground, with the Palm upwards, making me a Sign to step into it, as I could easily do, for it was not above a foot in thickness. I thought it my part to obey, and for fear of falling, laid my self at length upon the Handkerchief, with the remainder of which he lapped me up to the Head for further Security, and in this manner carried me home to his House. There he called his Wife, and shewed me to her; but she screamed and ran back, as Women in *England* do at the sight of a Toad or a Spider. However, when she had a while seen my Beha-

viour, and how well I obſerved the Signs her Husband made, ſhe was ſoon reconciled, and by degrees grew extremely tender of me.

It was about twelve at Noon, and a Servant brought in Dinner. It was only one ſubſtantial Diſh of Meat (fit for the plain Condition of an Husbandman) in a Diſh of about four and twenty foot Diameter. The Company were the Farmer and his Wife, three Children, and an old Grandmother: When they were ſat down, the Farmer placed me at ſome Diſtance from him on the Table, which was thirty foot high from the Floor. I was in a terrible Fright, and kept as far as I could from the Edge for fear of falling. The Wife minced a bit of Meat, then crumbled ſome Bread on a Trencher, and placed it before me. I made her a low Bow, took out my Knife and Fork, and fell to eat, which gave them exceeding Delight. The Miſtreſs ſent her Maid

for a ſmall Dram cup, which held about three Gallons, and filled it with Drink, I took up the Veſſel with much difficulty in both Hands, and in a moſt reſpectful manner drank to her Ladyſhip's Health, expreſſing the Words as loud as I could in *Engliſh*, which made the Company laugh ſo heartily, that I was almoſt deafned with the Noiſe. This Liquor taſted like a ſmall Cyder, and was not unpleaſant. Then the Maſter made me a Sign to come to his Trencher-ſide; but as I walked on the Table, being in great Surprize all the Time, as the indulgent Reader will eaſily conceive and excuſe, I happened to ſtumble againſt a Cruſt, and fell flat on my Face, but received no Hurt. I got up immediately, and obſerving the good People to be in much Concern, I took my Hat (which I held under my Arm out of good Manners) and waving it over my Head, made three Huzza's, to ſhew I had got no Miſchief by my Fall. But advancing forwards toward my Maſter (as I ſhall henceforth

forth call him) his youngeſt Son who ſate next him, an arch Boy of about ten Years old, took me up by the Legs, and held me ſo high in the Air, that I trembled every Limb; but his Father ſnatched me from him, and at the ſame time gave him ſuch a Box on the left Ear, as would have felled an *European* Troop of Horſe to the Earth, ordering him to be taken from the Table. But being afraid the Boy might owe me a Spight, and well remembring how miſchievous all Children among us naturally are to Sparrows, Rabbits, young Kittens, and Puppy Dogs, I fell on my Knees, and pointing to the Boy, made my Maſter to underſtand, as well as I could, that I deſired his Son might be pardoned. The Father complied, and the Lad took his Seat again; whereupon I went to him and kiſſed his Hand, which my Maſter took, and made him ſtroak me gently with it.

In the midſt of Dinner, my Miſtreſs's favourite Cat leapt into her Lap, I

heard a Noiſe behind me like that of a dozen Stocking-Weavers at work; and turning my Head, I found it proceeded from the purring of this Animal, who ſeemed to be three times larger than an Ox, as I computed by the View of her Head, and one of her Paws, while her Miſtreſs was feeding and ſtroaking her. The Fierceneſs of this Creature's Countenance altogether diſcompoſed me; though I ſtood at the further End of the Table, above fifty foot off; and altho' my Miſtreſs held her faſt for fear ſhe might give a Spring, and ſeize me in her Talons. But it happened there was no Danger; for the Cat took not the leaſt Notice of me when my Maſter placed me within three yards of her. And as I have been always told, and found true by Experience in my Travels, that flying, or diſcovering Fear before a fierce Animal, is a certain way to make it purſue or attack you, ſo I reſolved in this dangerous Juncture to ſhew no manner of concern. I walked with Intre-

pidity five or six times before the very Head of the Cat, and came within half a yard of her; whereupon she drew her self back, as if she were more afraid of me: I had less apprehension concerning the Dogs, whereof three or four came into the Room, as it is usual in Farmers Houses; one of which was a Mastiff, equal in bulk to four Elephants, and a Greyhound somewhat taller than the Mastiff, but not so large.

When Dinner was almost done, the Nurse came in with a Child of a year old in her Arms, who immediately spied me, and began a Squall that you might have heard from *London-Bridge* to *Chelsea*, after the usual Oratory of Infants to get me for a Play-thing. The Mother out of pure Indulgence took me up, and put me towards the Child, who presently seized me by the Middle, and got my Head in his Mouth, where I roared so loud that the Urchin was frighted, and let me drop, and I should

infallibly have broke my Neck if the Mother had not held her Apron under me. The Nurſe to quiet her Babe made uſe of a Rattle, which was a kind of hollow Veſſel filled with great Stones, and faſtened by a Cable to the Child's Waſte: But all in vain, ſo that ſhe was forced to apply the laſt Remedy by giving it ſuck. I muſt confeſs no Object ever diſguſted me ſo much as the ſight of her monſtrous Breaſt, which I cannot tell what to compare with, ſo as to give the curious Reader an Idea of its Bulk, Shape and Colour. It ſtood prominent ſix foot, and could not be leſs than ſixteen in Circumference. The Nipple was about half the bigneſs of my Head, and the hew both of that and the Dug ſo varified with Spots, Pimples and Freckles, that nothing could appear more nauſeous: For I had a near ſight of her, ſhe ſitting down the more conveniently to give ſuck, and I ſtanding on the Table. This made me reflect upon the fair Skins of our *Engliſh* Ladies, who appear

appear ſo beautiful to us, only becauſe they are of our own Size, and their Defects not to be ſeen but through a Magnifying-glaſs, where we find by Experiment, that the ſmootheſt and whiteſt Skins look rough and coarſe, and ill coloured.

I REMEMBER when I was at *Lilliput*, the Complexions of thoſe diminutive People appeared to me the faireſt in the World, and talking upon this Subject with a Perſon Learning there, who was an intimate Friend of mine, he ſaid that my Face appeared much fairer and ſmoother when he looked on me from the Ground, than it did upon a nearer View when I took him up in my Hand and brought him cloſe, which he confeſſed was at firſt a very ſhocking ſight. He ſaid he could diſcover great Holes in my Skin; that the Stumps of my Beard were ten times ſtronger than the Briſtles of a Boar, and my Complexion made up of ſeveral Colours altogether diſagreeable:

Although I must beg leave to say for my self, that I am as fair as most of my Sex and Country, and very little sun-burnt by my Travels. On the other side, discoursing of the Ladies in that Emperor's Court, he used to tell me, one had Freckles, another too wide a Mouth, a third too large a Nose, nothing of which I was able to distinguish. I confess this Reflection was obvious enough; which however I could not forbear, lest the Reader might think those vast Creatures were actually deformed: For I must do them Justice to say they are a comely race of People; and particularly the features of my Master's Countenance, although he were but a Farmer, when I beheld him from the height of sixty foot, appeared very well proportioned.

When Dinner was done, my Master went out to his Labourers, and as I could discover by his Voice and Gesture, gave his Wife a strict Charge to take care of me. I was very much tired and disposed

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to ſleep, which my Miſtreſs perceiving, ſhe put me on her own Bed, and covered me with a clean white Handkerchief, but larger and coarſer than the Main-ſail of a Man of War.

I ſlept about two Hours, and dreamed I was at home with my Wife and Children, which aggravated my Sorrows when I awaked and found my ſelf alone in a vaſt Room, between two and three hundred foot wide, and above two hundred high, lying in a Bed twenty yards wide. My Miſtreſs was gone about her houſhold Affairs, and had locked me in. The Bed was eight yards from the Floor. Some natural Neceſſities required me to get down; I durſt not preſume to call, and if I had, it would have been in vain, with ſuch a Voice as mine, at ſo great a diſtance as from the Room where I lay to the Kitchen where the Family kept. While I was under theſe Circumſtances, two Rats crept up the Curtains, and ran ſmelling backwards and forwards on the Bed. One of them

them came up almoſt to my Face, where-upon I roſe in a Fright, and drew out my Hanger to defend my ſelf. Theſe horrible Animals had the Boldneſs to attack me on both Sides, and one of them held his Fore-feet at my Collar; but I had the good Fortune to rip up his Belly before he could do me any Miſchief. He fell down at my Feet, and the other ſeeing the Fate of his Comrade, made his Eſcape, but not without one good Wound on the Back, which I gave him as he fled, and made the Blood run trickling from him. After this exploit, I walked gently to and fro on the Bed, to recover my Breath and Loſs of Spirits. Theſe Creatures were of the ſize of a large Maſtiff, but infinitely more nimble and fierce, ſo that if I had taken off my Belt before I went to ſleep, I muſt have infallibly been torn to pieces and devoured. I meaſured the Tail of the dead Rat, and found it to be two Yards long, wanting an Inch; but it went againſt my Stomach

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to drag the Carcaſs off the Bed, where it lay ſtill bleeding; I obſerved it had yet ſome Life, but with a ſtrong ſlaſh croſs the neck I thoroughly diſpatched it.

SOON after my Miſtreſs came into the Room, who ſeeing me all bloody, ran and took me up in her Hand. I pointed to the dead Rat, ſmiling and making other ſigns to ſhew I was not hurt, whereat ſhe was extremely rejoiced, calling the Maid to take up the dead Rat with a pair of Tongs, and throw it out of the Window. Then ſhe ſet me on a Table, where I ſhewed her my Hanger all bloody, and wiping it on the Lappet of my Coat, returned it to the Scabbard. I was preſſed to do more than one thing, which another could not do for me, and therefore endeavoured to make my Miſtreſs underſtand that I deſired to be ſet down on the Floor; which after ſhe had done, my Baſhfulneſs would not ſuffer me to expreſs my ſelf farther than by pointing to the Door, and bowing ſeve-

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ral times. The good Woman with much Difficulty at last perceived what I would be at, and taking me up again in her Hand, walked into the Garden where she set me down. I went on one side about two hundred yards, and beckoning to her not to look or to follow me, I hid my self between two Leaves of Sorrel, and there discharged the Necessities of Nature.

I HOPE the gentle Reader will excuse me for dwelling on these and the like Particulars, which however insignificant they might appear to grovelling vulgar Minds, yet will certainly help a Philosopher to enlarge his Thoughts and Imagination, and to apply them to a Benefit of publick as well as private Life, which was my sole Design in presenting this and other accounts of my Travels to the World; wherein I have been chiefly studious of Truth, without affecting any Ornaments of Learning or of Style. But the whole Scene of this Voyage made so strong

ſtrong an Impreſſion on my Mind, and is ſo deeply fixed in my Memory, that in committing it to Paper I did not omit one material Circumſtance: However, upon a ſtrict Review, I blotted out ſeveral Paſſages of leſs Moment which were in my firſt Copy, for fear of being cenſured as tedious and trifling, whereof Travellers are often, perhaps not without Juſtice, accuſed.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

A Deſcription of the Farmer's Daughter. The Author carried to a Market-Town and then to the Metropolis. The Particulars of his Journey.

MY Miſtreſs had a Daughter of nine Years old, a Child of toward Parts for her Age, very dextrous at her Needle, and skilful in dreſſing her Baby. Her Mother and ſhe contrived to fit up the Baby's Cradle for me againſt Night: The Cradle was put into a ſmall Drawer of a Cabinet, and the Drawer placed upon a Hanging-ſhelf, for fear of the Rats. This was my Bed all the time I ſtay'd with thoſe People, though made more convenient by degrees, as I began to learn their Language, and make my Wants known. This young Girl was ſo handy, that after I had

had once or twice pulled off my Cloaths before her, ſhe was able to dreſs and undreſs me, though I never gave her that Trouble when ſhe would let me do either my ſelf. She made me ſeven Shirts, and ſome other Linen, of as fine Cloth as could be got, which indeed was coarſer than Sackcloth; and theſe ſhe conſtantly waſhed for me with her own Hands. She was likewiſe my School-Miſtreſs to teach me the Language: When I pointed to any thing, ſhe told me the Name of it in her own Tongue, ſo that in a few Days I was able to call for whatever I had a mind to. She was very good-natur'd, and not above forty Foot high, being little for her Age. She gave me the Name of *Grildrig*, which the Family took up, and afterwards the whole Kingdom. The Word imports what the *Latins* call *Nanunculus*, the *Italians Homunceletino*, and the *Engliſh Mannikin*. To her I chiefly owe my Preſervation in that Country: We never parted while I was there; I called her my

my *Glumdalclitch*, or little Nurſe: And I ſhould be guilty of great Ingratitude, if I omitted this honourable mention of her Care and Affection towards me, which I heartily wiſh it lay in my Power to requite as ſhe deſerves, inſtead of being the innocent but unhappy Inſtrument of her Diſgrace, as I have too much Reaſon to fear.

IT now began to be known and talked of in the Neighbourhood, that my Maſter had found a ſtrange Animal in the Field about the bigneſs of a *Splacknuck*, but exactly ſhaped in every part like a human Creature; which it likewiſe imitated in all its Actions; ſeemed to ſpeak in a little Language of its own, had already learned ſeveral words of theirs, went erect upon two Legs, was tame and gentle, would come when it was called, do whatever it was bid, had the fineſt Limbs in the World, and a Complexion fairer than a Nobleman's Daughter of three years old. Another Farmer who lived

ived hard by, and was a particular Friend of my Maſter, came on a Viſit on purpoſe to enquire into the Truth of this Story. I was immediately produced, and placed upon a Table, where I walked as I was commanded, drew my Hanger, put it up again, made my Reverence to my Maſter's Gueſt, asked him in his own Language how he did, and told him he was welcome, juſt as my little Nurſe had inſtructed me. This Man, who was old and dim-ſighted, put on his Spectacles to behold me better, at which I could not forbear laughing very heartily, for his Eyes appeared like the Full-moon ſhining into a Chamber at two Windows. Our People, who diſcovered the cauſe of my Mirth, bore me company in laughing, at which the old Fellow was Fool enough to be angry and out of Countenance. He had the Character of a great Miſer, and to my Misfortune he well deſerved it, by the curſed Advice he gave my Maſter to ſhew me as a Sight upon a Market-Day in the next Town, which

was half an hour's riding, about two and twenty Miles from our houſe. I gueſſed there was ſome miſchief contriving, when I obſerved my Maſter and his Friend whiſpering long together, ſometimes pointing at me; and my Fears made me fancy that I over-heard and underſtood ſome of their Words. But, the next Morning *Glumdalclitch* my little Nurſe told me the whole Matter, which ſhe had cunningly picked out from her Mother. The poor Girl laid me on her Boſom, and fell a weeping with Shame and Grief. She apprehended ſome Miſchief would happen to me from rude vulgar Folks, who might ſqueeze me to Death, or break one of my Limbs by taking me in their Hands. She had alſo obſerved how modeſt I was in my Nature, how nicely I regarded my Honour, and what an Indignity I ſhould conceive it to be expoſed for Money as a publick Spectacle to the meaneſt of the People. She ſaid, her *Papa* and *Mamma* had promiſed that *Gildrig* ſhould be hers, but now ſhe found they meant

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to ſerve her as they did laſt Year, when they pretended to give her a Lamb, and yet, as ſoon as it was fat, ſold it to a Butcher. For my own part, I may truly affirm that I was leſs concerned than my Nurſe. I had a ſtrong hope which never left me, that I ſhould one day recover my Liberty; and as to the Ignominy of being carried about for a Monſter, I conſidered my ſelf to be a perfect Stranger in the Country, and that ſuch a Misfortune could never be charged upon me as a Reproach if ever I ſhould return to *England*; ſince the King of *Great Britain* himſelf, in my condition, muſt have undergone the ſame Diſtreſs.

My Maſter, purſuant to the Advice of his Friend, carried me in a Box the next Market-day to the neighbouring Town, and took along with him his little Daughter my Nurſe upon a Pillion behind him. The Box was cloſe on every ſide, with a little Door for me to go in and out, and a few Gimblet-holes to let in

Air. The Girl had been ſo careful to put the Quilt of her Baby's Bed into it for me to lye down on. However, I was terribly ſhaken and diſcompoſed in this Journey, though it were but of half an Hour. For the Horſe went about forty foot at every Step, and trotted ſo high, that the Agitation was equal to the riſing and falling of a Ship in a great Storm, but much more frequent: Our Journey was ſomewhat further than from *London* to St. *Albans*. My Maſter alighted at an Inn which he uſed to frequent; and after conſulting a while with the Innkeeper, and making ſome neceſſary Preparations, he hired the *Grultrud* or Cryer to give notice through the Town of a ſtrange Creature to be ſeen at the Sign of the Green *Eagle* not ſo big as a *Splacnuck* (an Animal in that Country very finely ſhaped, about ſix foot long) and in every part of the Body reſembling an human Creature, could ſpeak ſeveral words, and perform an hundred diverting Tricks.

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I was placed upon a Table in the largeſt Room of the Inn, which might be near three hundred foot ſquare. My little Nurſe ſtood on a low Stool cloſe to the Table, to take care of me, and direct what I ſhould do. My Maſter, to avoid a Croud, would ſuffer only thirty People at a time to ſee me. I walked about on the Table as the Girl commanded: ſhe asked me Queſtions as far as ſhe knew my underſtanding of the Language reached, and I anſwered them as loud as I could. I turned about ſeveral times to the Company, paid my humble Reſpects, ſaid they were welcome, and uſed ſome other Speeches I had been taught. I took up a Thimble filled with Liquor, which *Glumdalclitch* had given me for a Cup, and drank their Health. I drew out my Hanger, and flouriſhed with it after the manner of Fencers in *England*. My Nurſe gave me part of a Straw, which I exerciſed as a Pike, having learned the Art in my Youth. I was that day ſhewn to twelve Sets of Company,

and as often forced to go over again with the ſame Fopperies, till I was half dead with Wearineſs and Vexation. For, thoſe who had ſeen me made ſuch wonderful Reports, that the People were ready to break down the Doors to come in. My Maſter for his own Intereſt would not ſuffer any one to touch me except my Nurſe; and, to prevent danger, Benches were ſet round the Table at ſuch a diſtance as put me out of every body's reach. However, an unlucky School-Boy aimed a Hazel-Nut directly at my Head, which very narrowly miſſed me; otherwiſe, it came with ſo much violence that it would have infallibly knocked out my Brains, for it was almoſt as large as a ſmall Pumpion: But I had the Satisfaction to ſee the young Rogue well beaten, and turned out of the Room.

MY Maſter gave publick notice, that he would ſhew me again the next Market-day, and in the mean time he prepared a more convenient Vehicle for me, which he had reaſon enough to do; for I was

I was so tired with my first Journey, and with entertaining Company for eight hours together, that I could hardly stand upon my Legs, or speak a word. It was at least three days before I recovered my Strength; and that I might have no rest at home, all the neighbouring Gentlemen from a hundred Miles round, hearing of my Fame, came to see me at my Master's own house. There could not be fewer than thirty Persons with their Wives and Children (for the Country was very populous;) and my Master demanded the rate of a full Room whenever he shewed me at home, although it were only to a single Family: So that for some time I had but little ease every day of the week (except *Wednesday*, which is their Sabbath) although I were not carried to the Town.

My Master finding how profitable I was like to be, resolved to carry me to the most considerable Cities of the Kingdom. Having therefore provided himself

with all things neceſſary for a long Journey, and ſettled his affairs at home, he took leave of his Wife, and upon the *17th* of *Auguſt* 1703. about two Months after my Arrival, we ſet out for the Metropolis, ſituated near the middle of that Empire, and about three thouſand Miles diſtance from our Houſe: My Maſter made his Daughter *Glumdalclitch* ride behind him. She carried me on her Lap in a Box tyed about her Waſte. The Girl had lined it on all ſides with the ſofteſt Cloth ſhe could get, well quilted underneath, furniſhed it with her Baby's Bed, provided me with Linen and other Neceſſaries, and made every thing as convenient as ſhe could. We had no other Company but a Boy of the Houſe, who rode after us with the Luggage.

My Maſter's Deſign was to ſhew me in all the Towns by the way, and to ſtep out of the Road for fifty or an hundred Miles, to any Village or Perſon of Quality's Houſe where he might expect Cuſtom.

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We made easy Journeys of not above seven or eightscore Miles a Day: For *Glumdalclitch*, on purpose to spare me, complained she was tired with the trotting of the Horse. She often took me out of my Box at my own Desire, to give me Air, and shew me the Country, but always held me fast by a Leading-string. We passed over five or six Rivers many degrees broader and deeper than the *Nile* or the *Ganges*; and there was hardly a Rivulet so small as the *Thames* at *London-Bridge*. We were ten Weeks in our Journey, and I was shewn in eighteen large Towns besides many Villages and private Families.

On the 26*th* Day of *October* we arrived at the Metropolis, called in their Language *Lorbrulgrud*, or *Pride of the Universe*. My Master took a Lodging in the principal Street of the City, not far from the Royal Palace, and put out Bills in the usual Form, containing an exact Description of my Person and Parts.

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He hired a large Room between three and four hundred foot wide. He provided a Table ſixty foot in diameter, upon which I was to act my part, and paliſadoed it round three foot from the edge, and as many high, to prevent my falling over. I was ſhewn ten times a day to the Wonder and Satisfaction of all People. I could now ſpeak the Language tolerably well, and perfectly underſtood every word that was ſpoken to me. Beſides, I had learned their Alphabet, and could make a ſhift to explain a Sentence here and there; for *Glumdalclitch* had been my Inſtructer while we were at home, and at leiſure hours during our Journey. She carried a little Book in her Pocket, not much larger than a *Sanſon's Atlas*; it was a common Treatiſe for the uſe of young Girls, giving a ſhort account of their Religion; out of this ſhe taught me my Letters, and interpreted the Words.

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CHAP. III.

The Author ſent for to Court. The Queen buys him of his Maſter the Farmer, and preſents him to the King. He diſputes with his Majeſty's great Scholars. An Apartment at Court provided for the Author. He is in high Favour with the Queen. He ſtands up for the Honour of his own Country. His Quarrels with the Queen's Dwarf.

THE frequent Labours I underwent every day made in a few weeks a very conſiderable change in my Health: The more my Maſter got by me, the more inſatiable he grew. I had quite loſt my Stomach, and was almoſt reduced to a Skeleton. The Farmer obſerved it, and concluding I ſoon muſt dye, reſolved to make as good a Hand of me as he could. While he was thus reaſoning

reaſoning and reſolving with himſelf, a *Slardral*, or Gentleman Uſher came from Court, commanding my Maſter to carry me immediately thither for the Diverſion of the Queen and her Ladies. Some of the latter had already been to ſee me, and reported ſtrange things of my Beauty, Behaviour, and good Senſe. Her Majeſty and thoſe who attended her were beyond meaſure delighted with my Demeanor, I fell on my Knees, and begged the Honour of kiſſing her Imperial Foot; but this gracious Princeſs held out her little Finger towards me (after I was ſet on a Table) which I embraced in both my Arms, and put the tip of it, with the utmoſt reſpect, to my Lip. She made me ſome general Queſtions about my Country and my Travels, which I anſwer'd as diſtinctly, and in as few words as I could. She asked whether I would be content to live at Court. I bowed down to the board of the Table, and humbly anſwered that I was my Maſter's Slave, but if I were at my own Diſpoſal, I

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ſhould be proud to devote my Life to her Majeſty's Service. She then asked my Maſter whether he were willing to ſell me at a good Price. He who apprehended I could not live a Month was ready enough to part with me, and demanded a thouſand pieces of Gold, which were ordered him on the ſpot, each piece being about the bigneſs of eight hundred Moydores; but, allowing for the proportion of all things between that Country and *Europe*, and the high price of Gold among them, was hardly ſo great a ſum as a thouſand Guineas would be in *England*. I then ſaid to the Queen, ſince I was now her Majeſty's moſt humble Creature and Vaſſal, I muſt beg the favour, that *Glumdalclitch*, who had always tended me with ſo much care and kindneſs, and underſtood to do it ſo well, might be admitted into her Service, and continue to be my Nurſe and Inſtructor. Her Majeſty agreed to my Petition, and eaſily got the Farmer's conſent, who was glad enough to have his

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Daughter preferred at Court: And the poor Girl her ſelf was not able to hide her Joy: My late Maſter withdrew, biding me farewell, and ſaying he had left me in a good Service; to which I replyed not a word, only making him a ſlight bow.

THE Queen obſerved my coldneſs, and when the Farmer was gone out of the Apartment, asked me the reaſon. I made bold to tell her Majeſty that I owed no other Obligation to my late Maſter, than his not daſhing out the Brains of a poor harmleſs Creature found by chance in his Field; which Obligation was amply recompenſed by the gain he had made in ſhewing me through half the Kingdom, and the price he had now ſold me for. That the Life I had ſince led, was laborious enough to kill an Animal of ten times my Strength. That my Health was much impaired by the continual drudgery of entertaining the Rabble every hour of the day, and that if my Maſter

Master had not thought my Life in danger, her Majesty would not have got so cheap a Bargain. But I was out of all fear of being ill treated under the Protection of so great and good an Empress, the Ornament of Nature, the Darling of the World, the Delight of her Subjects, the Phœnix of the Creation; so, I hoped my late Master's Apprehensions would appear to be groundless, for I already found my Spirits to revive by the Influence of her most august Presence.

THIS was the sum of my Speech, delivered with great Improprieties and Hesitation; the latter part was altogether framed in the Style peculiar to that People, whereof I learned some Phrases from *Glumdalclitch*, while she was carrying me to Court.

THE Queen giving great Allowance for my Defectiveness in speaking, was however surprised at so much Wit and good Sense in so diminutive an Animal.

She took me in her own Hands, and carried me to the King, who was then retired to his Cabinet. His Majesty, a Prince of much Gravity, and austere Countenance, not well observing my Shape at first View, asked the Queen after a cold Manner, how long it was since she grew fond of a *Splacnuck*; for such it seems he took me to be, as I lay upon my Breast in her Majesty's right Hand. But this Princess, who hath an infinite deal of Wit and Humour, set me gently on my Feet upon the Scrutore, and commanded me to give His Majesty an Account of my self, which I did in a very few Words; and *Glumdalclitch*, who attended at the Cabinet door, and could not endure I should be out of her sight, being admitted, confirmed all that had passed from my Arrival at her Father's House.

THE King, although he be as learned a Person as any in his Dominions, had been educated in the Study of Philosophy,

losophy, and particularly Mathematicks; yet when he observed my Shape exactly, and saw me walk erect, before I began to speak, conceived I might be a piece of Clock-work, (which is in that Country arrived to a very great Perfection) contrived by some ingenious Artist. But when he heard my Voice, and found what I delivered to be regular and rational, he could not conceal his Astonishment. He was by no means satisfied with the Relation I gave him of the manner I came into his Kingdom, but thought it a Story concerted between *Glumdalclitch* and her Father, who had taught me a set of Words to make me sell at a higher Price. Upon this Imagination he put several other Questions to me, and still received rational Answers, no otherwise defective than by a foreign Accent, and an imperfect Knowledge in the Language, with some rustick Phrases which I had learned at the Farmer's House, and did not suit the polite Stile of a Court.

HIS Majeſty ſent for three great Scholars who were then in their weekly waiting, according to the Cuſtom in that Country. Theſe Gentlemen, after they had a while examined my Shape with much Nicety, were of different opinions concerning me. They all agreed that I could not be produced according to the regular Laws of Nature, becauſe I was not framed with a capacity of preſerving my Life, either by Swiftneſs, or climbing of Trees, or digging holes in the Earth. They obſerved by my Teeth, which they viewed with great exactneſs, that I was a carnivorous Animal; yet moſt Quadrupeds being an over-match for me, and Field-mice, with ſome others, too nimble, they could not imagine how I ſhould be able to ſupport my ſelf, unleſs I fed upon Snails and other Inſects, which they offered, by many learned Arguments, to evince that I could not poſſibly do. One of theſe Virtuoſi ſeemed

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to think that I might be an Embrio, or abortive Birth. But this opinion was rejected by the other two, who obſerved my Limbs to be perfect and finiſhed, and that I had lived ſeveral Years, as it was manifeſt from my Beard, the Stumps whereof they plainly diſcovered through a Magnifying-glaſs. They would not allow me to be a Dwarf, becauſe my Littleneſs was beyond all degrees of Compariſon; for the Queen's favourite Dwarf, the ſmalleſt ever known in that Kingdom, was near thirty foot high. After much Debate, they concluded unanimouſly that I was only *Relplum Scalcath*, which is interpreted literally, *Luſus Naturæ*; a Determination exactly agreeable to the modern Philoſophy of *Europe*, whoſe Profeſſors, diſdaining the old Evaſion of *occult Cauſes*, whereby the Followers of *Ariſtotle* endeavour in vain to diſguiſe their Ignorance, have invented this wonderful Solution of all Difficulties, to the unſpeakable Advancement of human Knowledge.

AFTER this decisive Conclusion, I entreated to be heard a word or two. I applied my self to the King, and assured His Majesty that I came from a Country which abounded with several Millions of both Sexes, and of my own Stature; where the Animals, Trees and Houses were all in Proportion, and where by consequence I might be as able to defend my self, and to find Sustenance, as any of his Majesty's Subjects could do here; which I took for a full Answer to those Gentlemens Arguments. To this they only replied with a Smile of Contempt, saying, That the Farmer had instructed me very well in my Lesson. The King, who had a much better Understanding, dismissing his learned Men, sent for the Farmer, who by good Fortune was not yet gone out of Town: Having therefore first examined him privately, and then confronted him with me and the young Girl, his Majesty began to think that what we told him might possibly

poſſibly be true. He deſired the Queen to order that a particular Care ſhould be taken of me, and was of Opinion, that *Glumdalclitch* ſhould ſtill continue in her Office of tending me, becauſe he obſerved we had a great Affection for each other. A convenient Apartment was provided for her at Court; ſhe had a ſort of Governeſs appointed to take care of her Education, a Maid to dreſs her, and two other Servants for menial Offices; but the Care of me was wholly appropriated to her ſelf. The Queen commanded her own Cabinet-maker to contrive a Box that might ſerve me for a Bed-chamber, after the Model that *Glumdalclitch* and I ſhould agree upon. This Man was a moſt ingenious Artiſt, and according to my Directions, in three Weeks finiſhed for me a wooden Chamber of ſixteen Foot ſquare, and twelve high, with Saſh-windows, a Door, and two Cloſets, like a *London* Bed-chamber. The Board that made the Cieling was to be lifted up and down by two Hinges,

to put in a bed ready furniſhed by her Majeſty's Upholſterer, which *Glumdalclitch* took out every day to air, made it with her own hands, and letting it down at night locked up the Roof over me. A nice Workman, who was famous for little curioſities, undertook to make me two Chairs, with backs and frames, of a ſubſtance not unlike Ivory, and two Tables, with a Cabinet to put my things in. The Room was quilted on all ſides, as well as the Floor and the Cieling, to prevent any Accident from the careleſsneſs of thoſe who carried me, and to break the force of a Jolt when I went in a Coach. I deſired a Lock for my Door, to prevent Rats and Mice from coming in: The Smith, after ſeveral Attempts, made the ſmalleſt that ever was ſeen among them, for I have known a larger at the Gate of a Gentleman's Houſe in *England*. I made a ſhift to keep the Key in a Pocket of my own, fearing *Glumdalclitch* might loſe it. The Queen likewiſe

wiſe ordered the thinneſt Silks that could be gotten, to make me Cloaths, not much thicker than an *Engliſh* Blanket, very cumberſome till I was accuſtomed to them. They were after the Faſhion of the Kingdom, partly reſembling the *Perſian*, and partly the *Chineſe*, and are a very grave and decent Habit.

THE Queen became ſo fond of my Company, that ſhe could not dine without me. I had a Table placed upon the ſame at which her Majeſty eat, juſt at her left Elbow, and a Chair to ſit on. *Glumdalclitch* ſtood upon a Stool on the Floor, near my Table, to aſſiſt and take care of me. I had an entire Set of ſilver Diſhes and Plates, and other Neceſſaries, which, in proportion to thoſe of the Queen, were not much bigger than what I have ſeen of the ſame kind in a *London* Toy-ſhop, for the furniture of a Baby-houſe: Theſe my little Nurſe kept in her Pocket, in a ſilver Box, and gave me at meals as I wanted them, al-

ways cleaning them her ſelf. No Perſon dined with the Queen but the two Princeſſes Royal, the elder ſixteen Years old, and the younger at that time thirteen and a Month. Her Majeſty uſed to put a bit of Meat upon one of my Diſhes, out of which I carved for my ſelf; and her Diverſion was to ſee me eat in Miniature. For the Queen (who had indeed but a weak Stomach) took up at one Mouthful, as much as a dozen *Engliſh* Farmers could eat at a Meal, which to me was for ſome time a very nauſeous Sight. She would craunch the Wing of a Lark, Bones and all, between her Teeth, although it were nine times as large as that of a full grown Turkey; and put a bit of Bread in her Mouth, as big as two twelvepenny Loaves. She drank, out of a golden Cup, above a Hogſhead at a Draught. Her Knives were twice as long as a Scythe, ſet ſtrait upon the Handle. The Spoons, Forks, and other Inſtruments were all in the ſame Proportion. I remember when *Glumdalclitch*

dalclitch carried me out of Curiosity to see some of the Tables at Court, where ten or a dozen of these enormous Knives and Forks were lifted up together, I thought I had never, till then, beheld so terrible a Sight.

It is the Custom that every *Wednesday* (which, as I have before observed, was their Sabbath) the King and Queen, with the Royal Issue of both Sexes, dine together in the Apartment of his Majesty, to whom I was now become a great Favourite; and at these times my little Chair and Table were placed at his left Hand, before one of the Salt-sellers. This Prince took a Pleasure in conversing with me, enquiring into the Manners, Religion, Laws, Government, and Learning of *Europe*; wherein I gave him the best Account I was able. His Apprehension was so clear, and his Judgment so exact, that he made very wise Reflexions and Observations upon all I said. But, I confess, that after I

had been a little too copious in talking of my own beloved Country, of our Trade, and Wars by Sea and Land, of our Schiſms in Religion, and Parties in the State; the Prejudices of his Education prevailed ſo far, that he could not forbear taking me up in his Right Hand, and ſtroaking me gently with the other, after an hearty fit of laughing, asked me whether I were a *Whig* or a *Tory*. Then turning to his firſt Miniſter, who waited behind him with a white Staff near as tall as the Main-maſt of the *Royal Soveraign*, he obſerved how contemptible a thing was human Grandeur, which could be mimicked by ſuch diminutive Inſects as I: And yet, ſaid he, I dare engage, theſe Creatures have their Titles and Diſtinctions of Honour, they contrive little Neſts and Burrows, that they call Houſes and Cities; they make a Figure in Dreſs and Equipage; they love, they fight, they diſpute, they cheat, they betray. And thus he continued on, while my Colour came and went

went ſeveral times, with Indignation to hear our noble Country, the Miſtreſs of Arts and Arms, the Scourge of *France*, the Arbitreſs of *Europe*, the Seat of Virtue, Piety, Honour and Truth, the Pride and Envy of the World, ſo contemptuouſly treated.

BUT as I was not in a Condition to reſent Injuries, ſo, upon mature thoughts, I began to doubt whether I was injured or no. For, after having been accuſtomed ſeveral months to the Sight and Converſe of this People, and obſerved every Object upon which I caſt mine Eyes, to be of proportionable magnitude, the Horror I had firſt conceived from their Bulk and Aſpect, was ſo far worn off, that if I had then beheld a Company of *Engliſh* Lords and Ladies in their Finery and Birth-day Cloaths, acting their ſeveral Parts in the moſt courtly manner, of ſtrutting, and bowing, and prating; to ſay the truth, I ſhould have been ſtrongly tempted to laugh as much

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at them as the King and his Grandees did at me. Neither indeed could I forbear ſmiling at my ſelf, when the Queen uſed to place me upon her Hand towards a Looking-glaſs, by which both our Perſons appeared before me in full View together; and there could nothing be more ridiculous than the Compariſon: So that I really began to imagine my ſelf dwindled many degrees below my uſual Size.

NOTHING angred and mortified me ſo much as the Queen's Dwarf, who being of the loweſt Stature that was ever in that Country (for I verily think he was not full thirty Foot high) became inſolent at ſeeing a Creature ſo much beneath him, that he would always affect to ſwagger and look big as he paſſed by me in the Queen's Anti-chamber, while I was ſtanding on ſome Table talking with the Lords or Ladies of the Court, and he ſeldom failed of a ſmall Word or two upon my Littleneſs; againſt which

which I could only revenge my ſelf by calling him Brother, challenging him to wreſtle, and ſuch Repartees as are uſual in the Mouths of *Court Pages*. One Day at Dinner this malicious little Cubb was ſo nettled with ſomething I had ſaid to him, that raiſing himſelf upon the frame of her Majeſty's Chair, he took me up by the middle, as I was ſitting down, not thinking any harm, and let me drop into a large ſilver Bowl of Cream, and then ran away as faſt as he could. I fell over Head and Ears, and if I had not been a good Swimmer, it might have gone very hard with me; for *Glumdalclitch* in that inſtant happened to be at the other end of the Room, and the Queen was in ſuch a Fright that ſhe wanted Preſence of Mind to aſſiſt me. But my little Nurſe ran to my Relief, and took me out, after I had ſwallowed above a Quart of Cream. I was put to Bed; however I received no other Damage than the loſs of a Suit of Cloaths, which was utterly ſpoiled. The Dwarf was ſoundly whipped,

ped, and as a further punishment, forced to drink up the Bowl of Cream, into which he had thrown me; neither was he ever restored to favour: For, soon after the Queen bestowed him on a Lady of high Quality, so that I saw him no more, to my very great Satisfaction; for I could not tell to what extremity such a malicious Urchin might have carried his Resentment.

He had before served me a scurvy trick, which set the Queen a laughing, although at the same time she was heartily vexed, and would have immediately cashiered him, if I had not been so generous as to intercede. Her Majesty had taken a Marrow-bone upon her Plate, and after knocking out the Marrow, placed the Bone again in the Dish erect as it stood before; the Dwarf watching his opportunity, while *Glumdalclitch* was gone to the Side-board, mounted upon the Stool she stood on to take care of me at Meals, took me up in both hands, and squeez-

ſqueezing my Legs together, wedged them into the Marrow-bone above my Waſte, where I ſtuck for ſome time, and made a very ridiculous figure. I believe it was near a minute before any one knew what was become of me, for I thought it below me to cry out. But as Princes ſeldom get their Meat hot, my Legs were not ſcalded, only my Stockings and Breeches in a ſad Condition. The Dwarf, at my Entreaty, had no other Puniſhment than a ſound whipping.

I WAS frequently rallied by the Queen upon account of my fearfulneſs, and ſhe uſed to ask me whether the People of my Country were as great Cowards as my ſelf? The occaſion was this: The Kingdom is much peſtered with Flies in Summer; and theſe odious Inſects, each of them as big as a *Dunſtable* Lark, hardly gave me any Reſt while I ſat at dinner, with their continual humming and buzzing about mine Ears. They would ſometimes alight upon my Victuals, and leave

leave their loathsome Excrement or Spawn behind, which to me was very visible, though not to the Natives of that Country, whose large Opticks were not so acute as mine in viewing smaller Objects. Sometimes they would fix upon my Nose or Forehead, where they stung me to the Quick, smelling very offensively, and I could easily trace that viscous Matter, which our Naturalists tell us enables those Creatures to walk with their Feet upwards upon a Cieling. I had much ado to defend my self against these detestable Animals, and could not forbear starting when they came on my Face. It was the common Practice of the Dwarf to catch a number of these Insects in his Hand, as School-boys do among us, and let them out suddenly under my Nose on purpose to frighten me, and divert the Queen. My Remedy was to cut them in pieces with my Knife as they flew in the Air, wherein my Dexterity was much admired.

I REMEMBER one Morning when *Glumdalclitch* had ſet me in my Box upon a Window, as ſhe uſually did in fair days to give me Air (for I durſt not venture to let the Box be hung on a Nail out of the Window, as we do with Cages in *England*) after I had lifted up one of my Saſhes, and ſat down at my Table to eat a piece of Sweet Cake for my Breakfaſt, above twenty Waſps, allured by the ſmell, came flying into the room, humming louder than the Drones of as many Bagpipes. Some of them ſeized my Cake, and carried it piece-meal away, others flew about my Head and Face, confounding me with the Noiſe, and putting me in the utmoſt terror of their Stings. However I had the Courage to riſe and draw my Hanger, and attack them in the Air. I diſpatched four of them, but the reſt got away, and I preſently ſhut my Window. Theſe Creatures were as large as Partridges, I took out their Stings, found them an Inch and a half long, and as

ſharp as needles. I carefully preſerved them all, and having ſince ſhewn them with ſome other Curioſities in ſeveral parts of *Europe*; upon my return to *England* I gave three of them to *Greſham College*, and kept the fourth for my ſelf.

CHAP. IV.

The Country described. A Proposal for correcting modern Maps. The King's Palace, and some Account of the Metropolis. The Author's way of travelling. The chief Temple described.

I NOW intend to give the Reader a short Description of this Country, as far as I travelled in it, which was not above two thousand Miles round *Lorbrulgrud* the Metropolis. For, the Queen, whom I always attended, never went further when she accompanied the King in his Progresses, and there staid till his Majesty returned from viewing his Frontiers. The whole Extent of this Prince's Dominions reacheth about six thousand Miles in length, and from three to five in breadth. From whence I cannot but conclude that our Geographers of *Europe* are in a great Error, by supposing

nothing but Sea between *Japan* and *California*; for it was ever my Opinion, that there must be a Balance of Earth to counterpoise the great Continent of *Tartary*; and therefore they ought to correct their Maps and Charts, by joining this vast tract of Land to the North-west Parts of *America*, wherein I shall be ready to lend them my Assistance.

THE Kingdom is a Peninsula, terminated to the North-east by a ridge of Mountains thirty Miles high, which are altogether impassable by reason of the Volcanoes upon the tops. Neither do the most Learned know what sort of Mortals inhabit beyond those Mountains, or whether they be inhabited at all. On the three other sides it is bounded by the Ocean. There is not one Sea-port in the whole Kingdom, and those Parts of the Coasts into which the Rivers issue are so full of pointed Rocks, and the Sea generally so rough, that there is no venturing with the smallest of their Boats,

Boats, ſo that theſe People are wholly excluded from any Commerce with the reſt of the World. But the large Rivers are full of Veſſels, and abound with excellent Fiſh, for they ſeldom get any from the Sea, becauſe the Sea-fiſh are of the ſame ſize with thoſe in *Europe*, and conſequently not worth catching: whereby it is manifeſt, that Nature in the Production of Plants and Animals of ſo extraordinary a Bulk is wholly confined to this Continent, of which I leave the Reaſons to be determined by Philoſophers. However, now and then they take a Whale that happens to be daſhed againſt the Rocks, which the common People feed on heartily. Theſe Whales I have known ſo large that a Man could hardly carry one upon his Shoulders; and ſometimes for Curioſity they are brought in hampers to *Lorbrulgrud:* I ſaw one of them in a Diſh at the King's Table, which paſſed for a Rarity, but I did not obſerve he was fond of it; for I think indeed the Bigneſs diſguſted him, al-

though I have ſeen one ſomewhat larger in *Greenland*.

THE Country is well inhabited, for it contains fifty one Cities, near an hundred walled Towns, and a great number of Villages. To ſatisfy my curious Reader, it may be ſufficient to deſcribe *Lorbrulgrud*. This City ſtands upon almoſt two equal Parts on each ſide the River that paſſes through. It contains above eighty thouſand Houſes, and about ſix hundred thouſand Inhabitants. It is in length three *Glonglungs* (which make about fifty four Engliſh Miles) and two and a half in breadth, as I meaſured it my ſelf in the Royal Map made by the King's Order, which was laid on the ground on purpoſe for me, and extended an hundred feet; I paced the Diameter and Circumference ſeveral times barefoot, and computing by the Scale, meaſured it pretty exactly.

THE King's Palace is no regular Edifice,

fice, but an heap of Buildings about ſeven Miles round: The chief Rooms are generally two hundred and forty foot high, and broad and long in proportion. A Coach was allowed to *Glumdalclitch* and me, wherein her Governeſs frequently took her out to ſee the Town, or go among the Shops; and was always of the Party, carried in my Box; although the Girl at my own Deſire would often take me out, and hold me in her Hand, that I might more conveniently view the Houſes and the People, as we paſſed along the Streets. I reckoned our Coach to be about a Square of *Weſtminſter-Hall*, but not altogether ſo high; however, I cannot be very exact. One day the Governeſs ordered our Coachman to ſtop at ſeveral Shops, where the Beggars, watching their Opportunity, crouded to the ſides of the Coach, and gave me the moſt horrible Spectacles that ever an *Engliſh* Eye beheld. There was a Woman with a Cancer in her Breaſt, ſwelled to a monſtrous ſize, full of Holes,

in two or three of which I could have eaſily crept, and covered my whole Body. There was a Fellow with a Wen in his Neck, larger than five Woolpacks, and another with a couple of wooden Legs, each about twenty foot high. But, the moſt hateful Sight of all was the Lice crawling on their Cloaths. I could ſee diſtinctly the Limbs of theſe Vermin with my naked Eye, much better than thoſe of an *European* Louſe through a Microſcope, and their Snouts with which they rooted like Swine. They were the firſt I had ever beheld, and I ſhould have been curious enough to diſſect one of them, if I had proper Inſtruments (which I unluckily left behind me in the Ship) although indeed the Sight was ſo nauſeous, that it perfectly turned my Stomach.

BESIDE the large Box in which I was uſually carried, the Queen ordered a ſmaller one to be made for me, of about twelve foot ſquare, and ten high, for the Convenience of Travelling, becauſe the

other was somewhat too large for *Glumdalclitch*'s Lap, and cumbersom in the Coach; it was made by the same Artist, whom I directed in the whole Contrivance. This travelling Closet was an exact Square with a Window in the middle of three of the Squares, and each Window was latticed with Iron Wire on the outside, to prevent Accidents in long Journeys. On the fourth side, which had no Window, two strong Staples were fixed, through which the Person that carried me, when I had a mind to be on Horseback, put in a Leathern Belt, and buckled it about his Waste. This was always the Office of some grave trusty Servant in whom I could confide, whether I attended the King and Queen in their Progresses, or were disposed to see the Gardens, or pay a visit to some great Lady or Minister of State in the Court, when *Glumdalclitch* happened to be out of Order: For I soon began to be known and esteemed among the greatest Officers, I suppose more upon Account of their Majesty's

Majesty's Favour than any merit of my own. In Journies, when I was weary of the Coach, a Servant on horseback would buckle my Box, and place it on a Cushion before him; and there I had a full Prospect of the Country on three sides from my three Windows. I had in this Closet a Field-Bed and a Hammock hung from the Cieling, two Chairs and a Table, neatly screwed to the Floor, to prevent being tossed about by the Agitation of the Horse or the Coach. And having been long used to Sea-Voyages, those motions, although sometimes very violent, did not much discompose me.

WHENEVER I had a mind to see the Town, it was always in my Travelling-Closet, which *Glumdalclitch* held in her Lap in a kind of open Sedan, after the Fashion of the Country, born by four Men, and attended by two others in the Queen's Livery. The People who had often heard of me, were very curious to croud about the Sedan, and the Girl was com-

plaiſant enough to make the Bearers ſtop, and to take me in her Hand that I might be more conveniently ſeen.

I WAS very deſirous to ſee the chief Temple, and particularly the Tower belonging to it, which is reckoned the higheſt in the Kingdom. Accordingly one day my Nurſe carried me thither, but I may truly ſay I came back diſappointed; for, the height is not above three thouſand foot, and reckoning from the ground to the higheſt Pinnacle top; which allowing for the difference between the ſize of thoſe People, and us in *Europe*, is no great matter for admiration, nor at all equal in proportion, (if I rightly remember) to *Salisbury* Steeple. But, not to detract from a Nation to which during my Life I ſhall acknowledge my ſelf extremely obliged, it muſt be allowed that what ever this famous Tower wants in Height is amply made up in Beauty and Strength. For the Walls are near an hundred foot thick, built of hewn Stone, whereof

whereof each is about forty foot ſquare, and adorned on all ſides with Statues of Gods and Emperors cut in Marble larger than the Life, placed in their ſeveral Niches. I meaſured a little Finger which had fallen down from one of theſe Statues, and lay unperceived among ſome Rubbiſh, and found it exactly four foot and an Inch in length. *Glumdalclitch* wrapped it up in a Handkerchief; and carried it home in her Pocket to keep among other Trinkets, of which the Girl was very fond, as Children at her Age uſually are.

THE King's Kitchen is indeed a noble Building, vaulted at top, and about ſix hundred foot high. The great Oven is not ſo wide by ten Paces as the Cupola at St. *Paul*'s: For I meaſured the latter on purpoſe after my Return. But if I ſhould deſcribe the Kitchen-grate, the prodigious Pots and Kettles, the joints of Meat turning on the Spits, with many other Particulars, perhaps I ſhould be hardly

hardly believed; at leaſt a ſevere Critick would be apt to think I enlarged a little, as Travellers are often ſuſpected to do. To avoid which cenſure, I fear I have run too much into the other extream; and that if this Treatiſe ſhould happen to be tranſlated into the Language of *Brobdingnag*, (which is the general name of that Kingdom) and tranſmitted thither, the King and his People would have reaſon to complain that I had done them an Injury by a falſe and diminutive Repreſentation.

His Majeſty ſeldom keeps above ſix hundred Horſes in his Stables: They are generally from fifty four to ſixty foot high. But when he goes abroad on ſolemn days, he is attended for State by a Militia Guard of five hundred Horſe, which indeed I thought was the moſt ſplendid Sight that could be ever beheld, till I ſaw part of his Army in Battalia, whereof I ſhall find another occaſion to ſpeak.

CHAP.

CHAP. V

Several Adventures that happened to the Author. The Execution of a Criminal. the Author ſhews his Skill in Navigation.

I SHOULD have lived happy enough in that Country, if my Littleneſs had not expoſed me to ſeveral ridiculous and troubleſome accidents: ſome of which I ſhall venture to relate. *Glumdalclitch* often carried me into the Gardens of the Court in my ſmaller Box, and would ſometimes take me out of it, and hold me in her Hand, or ſet me down to walk. I remember, before the Dwarf left the Queen, he followed us one day into thoſe Gardens, and my Nurſe having ſet me down, he and I being cloſe together, near ſome Dwarf Apple trees, I muſt need ſhew my Wit by

by a ſilly Alluſion between him and the Trees, which happens to hold in their Language as it doth in ours. Whereupon, the malicious Rogue watching his opportunity, when I was walking under one of them, ſhook it directly over my Head, by which a dozen Apples, each of them near as large as a *Briſtol* Barrel, came tumbling about my Ears; one of them hit me on the Back as I chanced to ſtoop, and knocked me down flat on my Face, but I received no other hurt, and the Dwarf was pardoned at my Deſire, becauſe I had given the Provocation.

ANOTHER day *Glumdalclitch* left me on a ſmooth Graſs-plot to divert my ſelf while ſhe walked at ſome diſtance with her Governeſs. In the mean time there ſuddenly fell ſuch a violent ſhower of Hail, that I was immediately by the force of it ſtruck to the ground: And when I was down, the Hail-ſtones gave me ſuch cruel Bangs all over the Body,

Body, as if I had been pelted with Tennis balls; however I made a ſhift to creep on all four, and ſhelter my ſelf by lying flat on my Face on the Lee-ſide of a Border of Lemon Thyme, but ſo bruiſed from Head to Foot that I could not go abroad in ten days. Neither is this at all to be wondered at, becauſe Nature in that Country obſerving the ſame Proportion thro' all her Operations, a Hail-ſtone is near eighteen hundred times as large as one in *Europe*, which I can aſſert upon Experience, having been ſo curious to weigh and meaſure them.

BUT, a more dangerous Accident happened to me in the ſame Garden, when my little Nurſe believing ſhe had put me in a ſecure Place, which I often entreated her to do, that I might enjoy my own Thoughts, and having left my Box at home to avoid the Trouble of carrying it, went to another part of the Gardens with her Governeſs and ſome Ladies of

of her Acquaintance. While ſhe was abſent, and out of hearing, a ſmall white Spaniel belonging to one of the chief Gardiners, having got by Accident into the Garden, happened to range near the Place where I lay: The Dog following the Scent, came directly up, and taking me in his Mouth, ran ſtrait to his Maſter, wagging his Tail, and ſet me gently on the Ground. By good Fortune he had been ſo well taught, that I was carried between his Teeth without the leaſt Hurt, or even tearing my Clothes. But the poor Gardiner, who knew me well, and had a great Kindneſs for me, was in a terrible Fright: He gently took me up in both his Hands, and asked me how I did; but I was ſo amazed and out of Breath, that I could not ſpeak a Word. In a few Minutes I came to my ſelf, and he carried me ſafe to my little Nurſe, who by this Time had returned to the Place where ſhe left me, and was in cruel Agonies when I did not appear, nor anſwer when ſhe called: She ſeverely repri-

manded the Gardiner on Account of his Dog. But the Thing was hushed up, and never known at Court; for the Girl was afraid of the Queen's Anger, and truly as to my self, I thought it would not be for my Reputation that such a Story should go about.

THIS Accident absolutely determined *Glumdalclitch* never to trust me abroad for the future out of her Sight. I had been long afraid of this Resolution, and therefore concealed from her some little unlucky Adventures that happened in those Times when I was left by my self. Once a Kite hovering over the Garden made a Stoop at me, and if I had not resolutely drawn my Hanger, and run under a thick Espalier, he would have certainly carried me away in his Talons. Another Time walking to the top of a fresh Mole-hill, I fell to my Neck in the Hole, through which that Animal had cast up the Earth, and coined some Lie, not worth remembring, to excuse my self

ſelf for ſpoiling my Clothes. I likewiſe broke my right Shin againſt the Shell of a Snail, which I happened to ſtumble over, as I was walking alone, and thinking on poor *England*.

I CANNOT tell whether I were more pleaſed or mortified, to obſerve in thoſe ſolitary Walks, that the ſmaller Birds did not appear to be at all afraid of me, but would hop about within a Yard diſtance, looking for Worms, and other Food, with as much Indifference and Security, as if no Creature at all were near them. I remember, a Thruſh had the confidence to ſnatch out of my Hand, with his Bill, a piece of Cake that *Glumdalclitch* had juſt given me for my Breakfaſt. When I attempted to catch any of theſe Birds, they would boldly turn againſt me, endeavouring to pick my Fingers, which I durſt not venture within their Reach; and then they would turn back unconcerned, to hunt for Worms or Snails, as they did before. But one Day I took

a thick Cudgel, and threw it with all my Strength ſo luckily at a Linnet, that I knocked him down, and ſeizing him by the Neck with both my Hands, ran with him in Triumph to my Nurſe. However, the Bird, who had only been ſtunned, recovering himſelf, gave me ſo many Boxes with his Wings on both ſides of my Head and Body, though I held him at Arms length, and was out of the reach of his Claws, that I was twenty times thinking to let him go. But I was ſoon relieved by one of our Servants, who wrung off the Bird's Neck, and I had him next day for Dinner, by the Queen's Command. This Linnet, as near as I can remember, ſeemed to be ſomewhat larger than an *England* Swan.

THE Maids of Honour often invited *Glumdalclitch* to their Apartments, and deſired ſhe would bring me along with her, on purpoſe to have the Pleaſure of ſeeing and touching me. They would often ſtrip me naked from Top to Toe, and

and lay me at full length in their Boſoms; wherewith I was much diſguſted; becauſe, to ſay the Truth, a very offenſive Smell came from their Skins; which I do not mention or intend to the Diſadvantage of thoſe excellent Ladies, for whom I have all manner of Reſpect; but, I conceive that my Senſe was more acute in Proportion to my Littleneſs, and that thoſe illuſtrious Perſons were no more diſagreeable to their Lovers, or to each other, than People of the ſame Quality are with us in *England*. And, after all, I found their natural Smell was much more ſupportable than when they uſed Perfumes, under which I immediately ſwooned away. I cannot forget that an intimate Friend of mine in *Lilliput* took the Freedom in a warm Day, when I had uſed a good deal of Exerciſe, to complain of a ſtrong Smell about me, although I am as little faulty that way as moſt of my Sex: But I ſuppoſe his Faculty of Smelling was as nice with regard to me, as mine was to that of this People. Up-

on this Point, I cannot forbear doing Juſtice to the Queen my Miſtreſs, and *Glumdalclitch* my Nurſe, whoſe Perſons were as ſweet as thoſe of any Lady in *England*.

THAT which gave me moſt Uneaſineſs among theſe Maids of Honour, (when my Nurſe carried me to viſit them) was to ſee them uſe me without any manner of Ceremony, like a Creature who had no ſort of Conſequence. For, they would ſtrip themſelves to the Skin, and put on their Smocks in my Preſence, while I was placed on their Toylet directly before their naked Bodies, which, I am ſure, to me was very far from being a tempting Sight, or from giving me any other Emotions than thoſe of Horror and Diſguſt. Their Skins appeared ſo coarſe and uneven, ſo variouſly coloured, when I ſaw them near, with a Mole here and there as broad as a Trencher, and Hairs hanging from it thicker than Pack-threads, to ſay

nothing further concerning the reſt of their Perſons. Neither did they at all ſcruple while I was by to diſcharge what they had drunk, to the Quantity of at leaſt two Hogſheads, in a Veſſel that held above three Tuns. The handſomeſt among theſe Maids of Honour, a pleaſant frolickſome Girl of ſixteen, would ſometimes ſet me aſtride upon one of her Nipples, with many other Tricks, wherein the Reader will excuſe me for not being over particular. But I was ſo much diſpleaſed, that I intreated *Glumdalclitch* to contrive ſome Excuſe for not ſeeing that young Lady any more.

ONE Day a young Gentleman, who was Nephew to my Nurſe's Governeſs, came and preſſed them both to ſee an Execution. It was of a Man who had murdered one of that Gentleman's intimate Acquaintance. *Glumdalclitch* was prevailed on to be of the Company, very much againſt her Inclination, for ſhe was

naturally tender-hearted: And, as for my ſelf, although I abhorred ſuch kind of Spectacles, yet my Curioſity tempted me to ſee ſomething that I thought muſt be extraordinary. The Malefactor was fixed in the Chair upon a Scaffold erected for the Purpoſe, and his Head cut off at a Blow with a Sword of about forty foot long. The Veins and Arteries ſpouted up ſuch a prodigious Quantity of Blood, and ſo high in the Air, that the great *Jett d'eau* at *Verſailles* was not equal for the time it laſted; and the Head, when it fell on the Scaffold-Floor, gave ſuch a Bounce, as made me ſtart, although I were at leaſt half an *Engliſh* Mile diſtant.

THE Queen, who often uſed to hear me talk of my Sea Voyages, and took all Occaſions to divert me when I was melancholy, asked me whether I underſtood how to handle a Sail, or an Oar, and whether a little Exerciſe of Rowing might not be convenient for my Health. I an-

I anſwered, that I underſtood both very well: For although my proper Employment had been to be Surgeon or Doctor to the Ship, yet often, upon a Pinch, I was forced to work like a common Mariner. But I could not ſee how this could be done in their Country, where the ſmalleſt Wherry was equal to a Firſt-rate Man of War among us, and ſuch a Boat as I could manage would never live in any of their Rivers. Her Majeſty ſaid, if I would contrive a Boat, her own Joiner ſhould make it, and ſhe would provide a Place for me to ſail in. The Fellow was an ingenious Workman, and, by my Inſtructions, in ten Days finiſhed a Pleaſure-Boat, with all its Tackling, able conveniently to hold eight *Europeans*. When it was finiſhed, the Queen was ſo delighted, that ſhe ran with it in her Lap to the King, who ordered it to be put in a Ciſtern full of Water, with me in it, by Way of Tryal; where I could not manage my two Sculls, or little Oars for want of Room. But

the Queen had before contrived another project. She ordered the Joiner to make a wooden Trough of three hundred foot long, fifty broad, and eight deep; which being well pitched to prevent leaking, was placed on the Floor along the Wall, in an outer Room of the Palace. It had a Cock near the Bottom to let out the Water when it began to grow ſtale, and two Servants could eaſily fill it in half an Hour. Here I often uſed to row for my own Diverſion, as well as that of the Queen and her Ladies, who thought themſelves well entertained with my Skill and Agility. Sometimes I would put up my Sail, and then my Buſineſs was only to ſteer, while the Ladies gave me a Gale with their Fans; and when they were weary, ſome of the Pages would blow my Sail forward with their Breath, while I ſhewed my Art by ſteering Starboard or Larboard, as I pleaſed. When I had done, *Glumdalclitch* always carried back my Boat into her Cloſet, and hung it on a Nail to dry.

IN this Exercise I once met an Accident which had like to have cost me my Life: For, one of the Pages having put my Boat into the Trough, the Governess, who attended *Glumdalclitch*, very officiously lifted me up to place me in the Boat, but I happened to slip through her Fingers, and should have infallibly fallen down forty foot upon the Floor, if by the luckiest chance in the World, I had not been stopp'd by a Corking-pin that stuck in the good Gentlewoman's Stomacher; the Head of the Pin passed between my Shirt and the Waste-band of my Breeches, and thus I was held by the Middle in the Air till *Glumdalclitch* ran to my Relief.

ANOTHER time, one of the Servants, whose Office it was to fill my Trough every third day with fresh Water, was so careless to let a huge Frog (not perceiving it) slip out of his Pail. The Frog lay concealed till I was put into

into my Boat, but then seeing a resting Place, climbed up, and made it lean so much on one side, that I was forced to balance it with all my Weight on the other, to prevent overturning. When the Frog was got in, it hopped at once half the Length of the Boat, and then over my Head, backwards and forwards, dawbing my Face and Clothes with it odious Slime. The Largeness of its Features made it appear the most deformed Animal that can be conceived. However, I desired *Glumdalclitch* to let me deal with it alone. I banged it a good while with one of my Sculls, and at last forced it to leap out of the Boat.

BUT, the greatest Danger I ever underwent in that Kingdom, was from a Monkey, who belonged to one of the Clerks of the Kitchen. *Glumdalclitch* had locked me up in her Closet, while she went somewhere upon Business, or a Visit. The Weather being very warm, the Closet-Window was left open, as well

well as the Windows and the Door of my bigger Box, in which I uſually lived, becauſe of its Largeneſs and Conveniency. As I ſat quietly meditating at my Table, I heard ſomething bounce in at the Cloſet-Window, and skip about from one ſide to the other; whereat, although I were much alarmed, yet I ventured to look out, but not ſtirring from my Seat; and then I ſaw this frolickſome Animal, frisking and leaping up and down, till at laſt he came to my Box, which he ſeemed to view with great Pleaſure and Curioſity, peeping in at the Door and every Window. I retreated to the farther Corner of my Room, or Box, but the Monkey looking in at every ſide, put me into ſuch a Fright, that I wanted Preſence of Mind to conceal my ſelf under the Bed, as I might eaſily have done. After ſome time ſpent in peeping, grinning, and chattering, he at laſt eſpied me, and reaching one of his Paws in at the Door, as a Cat does when ſhe plays with a Mouſe,

a Mouſe, although I often ſhifted Place to avoid him, he at Length caught hold of the Lappet of my Coat, (which being made of that Country Cloth, was very thick and ſtrong,) and dragged me out. He took me up in his right Fore-foot, and held me as a Nurſe does a Child ſhe is going to ſuckle, juſt as I have ſeen the ſame ſort of Creature do with a Kitten in *Europe:* And when I offered to ſtruggle, he ſqueezed me ſo hard, that I thought it more prudent ſo ſubmit. I have good reaſon to believe that he took me for a young one of his own Species, by his often ſtroaking my Face very gently with his other Paw. In theſe Diverſions he was interrupted by a Noiſe at the Cloſet Door, as if ſome Body were opening it; whereupon he ſuddenly leaped up to the Window, at which he had come in, and thence upon the Leads and Gutters, walking upon three Legs, and holding me in the fourth, till he clamber'd up to a Roof that was next to ours. I heard *Glumdalclitch* give a Shreek

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at the Moment he was carrying me out. The poor Girl was almoſt diſtracted: That Quarter of the Palace was all in an uproar, the Servants ran for Ladders; the Monkey was ſeen by hundreds in the Court, ſitting upon the Ridge of a Building, holding me like a Baby in one of his Fore-paws, and feeding me with the other, by cramming into my Mouth ſome Victuals he had ſqueezed out of the Bag on one ſide of his Chaps, and patting me when I would not eat; whereat many of the Rabble below could not forbear laughing; neither do I think they juſtly ought to be blamed, for without Queſtion the Sight was ridiculous enough to every Body but my ſelf. Some of the People threw up Stones, hoping to drive the Monkey down; but this was ſtrictly forbidden, or elſe very probably my Brains had been daſhed out.

THE Ladders were now applied, and mounted by ſeveral Men, which the Monkey obſerving, and finding himſelf almoſt

moſt encompaſſed; not being able to make ſpeed enough with his three Legs, let me drop on a Ridge-Tyle, and made his Eſcape. Here I ſat for ſome time three hundred yards from the Ground, expecting every moment to be blown down by the Wind, or to fall by my own Giddineſs, and come tumbling over and over from the Ridge to the Eves: But an honeſt Lad, one of my Nurſe's Footmen, climbing up, and, putting me into his Breeches-Pocket, brought me down ſafe.

I WAS almoſt choaked with the filthy Stuff the Monkey had crammed down my Throat; but my dear little Nurſe picked it out of my Mouth with a ſmall Needle, and then I fell a vomiting, which gave me great Relief. Yet I was ſo weak, and bruiſed in the Sides, with the Squeezes given me by this odious Animal, that I was forced to keep my Bed a Fortnight. The King, Queen, and all the Court, ſent every Day to enquire after my Health, and her Majeſty made

made me ſeveral Viſits during my Sickneſs. The Monkey was killed, and an Order made that no ſuch Animal ſhould be kept about the Palace.

When I attended the King after my Recovery, to return him thanks for his Favours, he was pleaſed to rally me a good deal upon this Adventure. He asked me what my Thoughts and Speculations were while I lay in the Monkey's Paw; how I liked the Victuals he gave me; his manner of feeding; and whether the freſh Air on the Roof had ſharpen'd my Stomach. He deſired to know what I would have done upon ſuch an Occaſion in my own Country. I told his Majeſty, that in *Europe* we had no Monkeys, except ſuch as were brought for Curioſities from other places, and ſo ſmall, that I could deal with a dozen of them together, if they preſumed to attack me. And as for that monſtrous Animal with whom I was ſo lately engaged, (it was indeed as large

as an Elephant,) if my Fears had ſuffered me to think ſo far as to make uſe of my Hanger, (looking fiercely and clapping my Hand upon the Hilt as I ſpoke,) when he poked his Paw into my Chamber, perhaps I ſhould have given him ſuch a Wound, as would have made him glad to withdraw it with more haſte than he put it in. This I delivered in a firm Tone, like a Perſon who was jealous leſt his Honour ſhould be called in queſtion. However, my Speech produced nothing elſe beſides a loud Laughter, which all the Reſpect due to his Majeſty from thoſe about him could not make them contain. This made me reflect how vain an Attempt it is for a Man to endeavour doing himſelf Honour among thoſe who are out of all degree of Equality or Compariſon with him. And yet I have ſeen the Moral of my own Behaviour very frequent in *England* ſince my Return, where a little contemptible Varlet, without the leaſt Title to Birth, Perſon, Wit, or common Senſe, ſhall preſume

ſume to look with Importance, and put himſelf upon a foot with the greateſt Perſons of the Kingdom.

I WAS every day furniſhing the Court with ſome ridiculous Story; and *Glumdalclitch*, although ſhe loved me to Exceſs, yet was arch enough to inform the Queen, whenever I committed any Folly that ſhe thought would be diverting to her Majeſty. The Girl who had been out of order, was carried by her Governeſs to take the Air about an hour's diſtance, or thirty miles from Town. They alighted out of the Coach near a ſmall Foot-path in a Field, and *Glumdalclitch* ſetting down my travelling Box, I went out of it to walk. There was a Cow-dung in the Path, and I muſt needs try my Activity by attempting to leap over it. I took a run, but unfortunately jump'd ſhort, and found my ſelf juſt in the middle up to my Knees. I waded thro' with ſome Difficulty, and one of the Footmen wiped me as clean

as he could with his Handkerchief; for I was filthily bemired, and my Nurse confined me to my Box till we returned home; where the Queen was soon informed of what had passed, and the Footmen spread it about the Court; so that all the Mirth, for some days, was at my expence.

CHAP.

CHAP. VI.

Several Contrivances of the Author to pleaſe the King and Queen. He ſhews his Skill in Muſick. The King enquires into the State of Europe, *which the Author relates to him. The King's Obſervations thereon.*

I USED to attend the King's Levee once or twice a Week, and had often ſeen him under the Barber's hand, which indeed was at firſt very terrible to behold: For the Razor was almoſt twice as long as an ordinary Scythe. His Majeſty, according to the Cuſtom of the Country, was only ſhaved twice a Week. I once prevailed on the Barber to give me ſome of the Suds or Lather, out of which I picked forty or fifty of the ſtrongeſt ſtumps of Hair. I then took a piece of fine

Wood, and cut it like the Back of a Comb, making ſeveral Holes in it at equal diſtance with as ſmall a Needle as I could get from *Glumdalclitch*. I fixed in the Stumps ſo artificially, ſcraping and ſloping them with my Knife towards the Points, that I made a very tolerable Comb; which was a ſeaſonable Supply, my own being ſo much broken in the Teeth, that it was almoſt uſeleſs: Neither did I know any Artiſt in that Country ſo nice and exact, as would undertake to make me another.

And this puts me in mind of an amuſement wherein I ſpent many of my leiſure Hours. I deſired the Queen's Woman to ſave for me the Combings of her Majeſty's Hair, whereof in time I got a good quantity, and conſulting with my Friend the Cabinet-maker, who had received general Orders to do little Jobbs for me, I directed him to make two Chair-frames, no larger than thoſe I had in my Box, and then to bore lit-

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tle Holes with a fine Awl round thoſe Parts where I deſigned the Backs and Seats; through theſe Holes I wove the ſtrongeſt Hairs I could pick out, juſt after the manner of Cane-Chairs in *England*. When they were finiſhed, I made a Preſent of them to her Majeſty, who kept them in her Cabinet, and uſed to ſhew them for Curioſities, as indeed they were the Wonder of every one that beheld them. The Queen would have had me ſit upon one of theſe Chairs, but I abſolutely refuſed to obey her, proteſting I would rather die a thouſand Deaths than place a diſhonourable Part of my Body on thoſe precious Hairs that once adorned her Majeſty's Head. Of theſe Hairs (as I had always a mechanical Genius) I likewiſe made a neat little Purſe about five foot long, with her Majeſty's Name decyphered in Gold Letters, which I gave to *Glumdalclitch*, by the Queen's Conſent. To ſay the truth, it was more for Shew than Uſe, being not of ſtrength to bear the Weight

of the larger Coins, and therefore she kept nothing in it but some little Toys that Girls are fond of.

THE King, who delighted in Musick, had frequent Consorts at Court, to which I was sometimes carried, and set in my Box on a Table to hear them: But the Noise was so great, that I could hardly distinguish the Tunes. I am confident that all the Drums and Trumpets of a Royal Army, beating and sounding together just at your Ears, could not equal it. My practice was to have my Box removed from the places where the Performers sat, as far as I could, then to shut the Doors and Windows of it, and draw the Window-curtains; after which I found their Musick not disagreeable.

I HAD learned in my Youth to play a little upon the Spinet. *Glumdalclitch* kept one in her Chamber, and a Master attended twice a Week to teach her: I call it a Spinet, because it somewhat resembled that Instrument, and was play'd upon

upon in the ſame manner. A Fancy came into my Head that I would entertain the King and Queen with an *Engliſh* Tune upon this Inſtrument. But this appeared extremely difficult: For, the Spinet was near ſixty foot long, each Key being almoſt a foot wide, ſo that with my Arms extended, I could not reach to above five Keys, and to preſs them down required a good ſmart ſtroak with my Fiſt, which would be too great a Labour, and to no purpoſe. The Method I contrived was this. I prepared two round Sticks about the Bigneſs of common Cudgels; they were thicker at one end than the other, and I covered the thicker ends with a piece of a Mouſe's Skin, that by rapping on them, I might neither damage the tops of the Keys, nor interrupt the Sound. Before the Spinet a Bench was placed about four foot below the Keys, and I was put upon the Bench. I ran ſideling upon it that way and this, as faſt as I could, banging the proper Keys with

my two Sticks, and made a ſhift to play a Jigg, to the great Satisfaction of both their Majeſties: But it was the moſt violent Exerciſe I ever underwent, and yet I could not ſtrike above ſixteen Keys, nor, conſequently, play the Baſs and Treble together, as other Artiſts do; which was a great Diſadvantage to my Performance.

THE King, who, as I before obſerved, was a Prince of excellent Underſtanding, would frequently order that I ſhould be brought in my Box, and ſet upon the Table in his Cloſet: He would then command me to bring one of my Chairs out of the Box, and ſit down within three yards diſtance upon the top of the Cabinet, which brought me almoſt to a level with his Face. In this manner I had ſeveral Converſations with him. I one day took the Freedom to tell his Majeſty, that the Contempt he diſcovered towards *Europe*, and the reſt of the World, did not ſeem anſwerable to thoſe excellent

excellent Qualities of the Mind he was Maſter of. That Reaſon did not extend it ſelf with the bulk of the Body: On the contrary, we obſerved in our Country, that the talleſt Perſons were uſually leaſt provided with it. That among other Animals, Bees and Ants had the Reputation of more Induſtry, Art and Sagacity, than many of the larger kinds; and that, as inconſiderable as he took me to be, I hoped I might live to do his Majeſty ſome ſignal Service. The King heard me with attention, and began to conceive a much better Opinion of me than he had ever before. He deſired I would give him as exact an account of the Government of *England*, as I poſſibly could; becauſe, as fond as Princes commonly are of their own Cuſtoms, (for ſo he conjectured of other Monarchs by my former Diſcourſes,) he ſhould be glad to hear of any thing that might deſerve imitation.

IMAGINE with thy ſelf, courteous Reader,

Reader, how often I then wiſhed for the Tongue of *Demoſthenes* or *Cicero*, that might have enabled me to celebrate the Praiſe of my own dear native Country in a Stile equal to its Merits and Felicity.

I BEGAN my Diſcourſe by informing his Majeſty that our Dominions conſiſted of two Iſlands, which compoſed three mighty Kingdoms under one Sovereign, beſides our Plantations in *America*. I dwelt long upon the Fertility of our Soil, and the Temperature of our Climate. I then ſpoke at large upon the Conſtitution of an *Engliſh* Parliament, partly made up of an illuſtrious Body called the Houſe of Peers, Perſons of the nobleſt Blood, and of the moſt ancient and ample Patrimonies. I deſcribed that extraordinary Care always taken of their Education in Arts and Arms, to qualify them for being Counſellors born to the King and Kingdom; to have a ſhare in the Legiſlature;

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to be Members of the higheſt Court of Judicature, from whence there could be no Appeal; and to be Champions always ready for the Defence of their Prince and Country, by their Valour, Conduct and Fidelity. That theſe were the Ornament and Bulwark of the Kingdom, worthy Followers of their moſt renowned Anceſtors, whoſe Honour had been the Reward of their Virtue, from which their Poſterity were never once known to degenerate. To theſe were joined ſeveral holy Perſons, as part of that Aſſembly, under the Title of Biſhops, whoſe peculiar Buſineſs it is to take care of Religion, and of thoſe who inſtruct the People therein. Theſe were ſearched and ſought out through the whole Nation, by the Prince and his wiſeſt Counſellors, among ſuch of the Prieſthood as were moſt deſervedly diſtinguiſhed by the Sanctity of their Lives, and the Depth of their Erudition, who were indeed the ſpiritual Fathers of the Clergy and the People.

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THAT the other Part of the Parliament consisted of an Assembly called the House of Commons, who were all principal Gentlemen, *freely* picked and culled out by the People themselves, for their great Abilities and Love of their Country, to represent the Wisdom of the whole Nation. And these two Bodies make up the most august Assembly in *Europe*, to whom, in conjunction with the Prince, the whole Legislature is committed.

I THEN descended to the Courts of Justice, over which the Judges, those venerable Sages and Interpreters of the Law presided, for determining the disputed Rights and Properties of Men, as well as for the Punishment of Vice, and Protection of Innocence. I mentioned the prudent Management of our Treasury, the Valour and Atchievments of our Forces by Sea and Land. I computed the number of our People, by reckoning

how many millions there might be of each religious Sect, or political Party among us. I did not omit even our Sports and Paſtimes, or any other Particular which I thought might redound to the Honour of my Country. And I finiſhed all with a brief hiſtorical Account of Affairs and Events in *England* for about an hundred Years paſt.

THIS Converſation was not ended under five Audiences, each of ſeveral hours, and the King heard the whole with great Attention, frequently taking Notes of what I ſpoke, as well as Memorandums of all Queſtions he intended to ask me.

WHEN I had put an end to theſe long Diſcourſes, his Majeſty in a ſixth Audience conſulting his Notes, propoſed many Doubts, Queries, and Objections, upon every Article. He asked what Methods were uſed to cultivate the Minds and Bodies of our young Nobility,

bility, and in what kind of Buſineſs they commonly ſpent the firſt and teachable part of their Lives. What Courſe was taken to ſupply that Aſſembly when any noble Family became extinct. What Qualifications were neceſſary in thoſe who are to be created new Lords: Whether the Humour of the Prince, a Sum of Money to a Court-Lady, or a prime Miniſter, or a Deſign of ſtrengthening a Party oppoſite to the publick Intereſt, ever happened to be Motives in thoſe Advancements. What Share of Knowledge theſe Lords had in the Laws of their Country, and how they came by it, ſo as to enable them to decide the Properties of their Fellow-Subjects in the laſt Reſort. Whether they were always ſo free from Avarice, Partialities, or Want, that a Bribe, or ſome other ſiniſter View, could have no place among them. Whether thoſe holy Lords I ſpoke of were always promoted to that Rank upon account of their Knowledge in religious Matters, and the Sanctity of their Lives,

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had never been Compliers with the Times while they were common Prieſts, or ſlaviſh proſtitute Chaplains to ſome Nobleman, whoſe Opinions they continued ſervilely to follow after they were admitted into that Aſſembly.

He then deſired to know what Arts were practiſed in electing thoſe whom I called Commoners: Whether a Stranger with a ſtrong Purſe might not influence the vulgar Voters to chuſe him before their own Landlord, or the moſt conſiderable Gentleman in the Neighbourhood. How it came to paſs, that People were ſo violently bent upon getting into this Aſſembly, which I allowed to be a great Trouble and Expence, often to the Ruin of their Families, without any Salary or Penſion: Becauſe this appeared ſuch an exalted Strain of Virtue and publick Spirit, that his Majeſty ſeemed to doubt it might poſſibly not be always ſincere: And he deſired to know whether ſuch zealous Gentlemen

could have any Views of refunding themſelves for the Charges and Trouble they were at, by ſacrificing the publick Good to the Deſigns of a weak and vicious Prince in Conjunction with a corrupted Miniſtry. He multiplied his Queſtions, and ſifted me thoroughly upon every Part of this Head, propoſing numberleſs Enquiries and Objections, which I think it not prudent or convenient to repeat.

UPON what I ſaid in relation to our Courts of Juſtice, his Majeſty deſired to be ſatisfied, in ſeveral Points: And, this I was the better able to do, having been formerly almoſt ruined by a long Suit in the Chancery, which was decreed for me with Coſts. He asked, what Time was uſually ſpent in determining between right and wrong, and what degree of Expence. Whether Advocates and Orators had liberty to plead in Cauſes manifeſtly known to be unjuſt, vexatious, or oppreſſive. Whether Party in Religion or Politicks were obſerved

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to be of any Weight in the Scale of Juſtice. Whether thoſe pleading Orators were Perſons educated in the general Knowledge of Equity, or only in provincial, national, and other local Cuſtoms. Whether they or their Judges had any Part in penning thoſe Laws which they aſſumed the Liberty of interpreting and gloſſing upon at their Pleaſure. Whether they had ever at different times pleaded for and againſt the ſame Cauſe, and cited Precedents to prove contrary Opinions. Whether they were a rich or a poor Corporation. Whether they received any pecuniary Reward for pleading or delivering their Opinions. And particularly, whether they were ever admitted as Members in the lower Senate.

He fell next upon the Management of our Treaſury, and ſaid, he thought my Memory had failed me, becauſe I computed our Taxes at about five or ſix Millions a Year, and when I came to mention the Iſſues, he found they ſometimes amount-

ed to more than double; for the Notes he had taken were very particular in this Point, becauſe he hoped, as he told me, that the Knowledge of our Conduct might be uſeful to him, and he could not be deceived in his Calculations. But, if what I told him were true, he was ſtill at a loſs how a Kingdom could run out of its Eſtate like a private Perſon. He asked me, who were our Creditors; and where we ſhould find Money to pay them. He wonder'd to hear me talk of ſuch chargeable and expenſive Wars; that certainly we muſt be a quarrelſome People, or live among very bad Neighbours, and that our Generals muſt needs be richer than our Kings. He asked what Buſineſs we had out of our own Iſlands, unleſs upon the Score of Trade or Treaty, or to defend the Coaſts with our Fleet. Above all, he was amazed to hear me talk of a mercenary ſtanding Army in the midſt of Peace, and among a free People. He ſaid, if we were governed by our own Conſent in the Perſons of

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our Repreſentatives, he could not imagine of whom we were afraid, or againſt whom we were to fight; and would hear my Opinion, whether a private Man's Houſe might not better be defended by himſelf, his Children, and Family, than by half a dozen Raſcals picked up at a venture in the Streets, for ſmall Wages, who might get an hundred times more by cutting their Throats.

He laughed at my odd Kind of Arithmetick (as he was pleaſed to call it) in reckoning the Numbers of our People by a Computation drawn from the ſeveral Sects among us in Religion and Politicks. He ſaid, he knew no Reaſon, why thoſe who entertain Opinions prejudicial to the Publick, ſhould be obliged to change, or ſhould not be obliged to conceal them. And as it was Tyranny in any Government to require the firſt, ſo it was Weakneſs not to enforce the ſecond: For a Man may be allowed to keep Poiſons in his Cloſet, but not to vend them about for Cordials.

He obſerved, that among the Diverſions of our Nobility and Gentry, I had mentioned Gaming. He deſired to know at what Age this Entertainment was uſually taken up, and when it was laid down; how much of their Time it employed; whether it ever went ſo high as to affect their Fortunes: Whether mean vicious People, by their Dexterity in that Art, might not arrive at great Riches, and ſometimes keep our very Nobles in Dependance, as well as habituate them to vile Companions, wholly take them from the Improvement of their Minds, and force them, by the Loſſes they have received, to learn and practiſe that infamous Dexterity upon others.

He was perfectly aſtoniſhed with the hiſtorical Account I gave him of our Affairs during the laſt Century, proteſting it was only an heap of Conſpiracies, Rebellions, Murders, Maſſacres, Revolutions, Baniſhments, the very worſt Effects

fects that Avarice, Faction, Hypocriſy, Perfidiouſneſs, Cruelty, Rage, Madneſs, Hatred, Envy, Luſt, Malice, or Ambition, could produce.

His Majeſty in another Audience was at the Pains to recapitulate the Sum of all I had ſpoken, compared the Queſtions he made with the Anſwers I had given; then taking me into his Hands, and ſtroaking me gently, delivered himſelf in theſe Words, which I ſhall never forget, nor the Manner he ſpoke them in: My little Friend *Grildrig*, you have made a moſt admirable Panegyrick upon your Country: You have clearly proved that Ignorance, Idleneſs and Vice may be ſometimes the only Ingredients for qualifying a Legiſlator: That Laws are beſt explained, interpreted, and applied by thoſe whoſe Intereſt and Abilities lie in perverting, confounding, and eluding them. I obſerve among you ſome Lines of an Inſtitution, which in its Original might have been tolerable, but theſe

half erased, and the rest wholly blurred and blotted by Corruptions. It doth not appear from all you have said, how any one Virtue is required towards the procurement of any one Station among you; much less that Men were ennobled on account of their Virtue, that Priests were advanced for their Piety or Learning, Soldiers for their Conduct or Valour, Judges for their Integrity, Senators for the Love of their Country, or Counsellors for their Wisdom. As for yourself, (continued the King,) who have spent the greatest part of your Life in travelling, I am well disposed to hope you may hitherto have escaped many Vices of your Country. But by what I have gathered from your own Relation, and the Answers I have with much Pains wringed and extorted from you, I cannot but conclude the bulk of your Natives to be the most pernicious Race of little odious Vermin that Nature ever suffered to crawl upon the Surface of the Earth.

CHAP. VII.

The Author's Love of his Country. He makes a Proposal of much Advantage to the King, which is rejected. The King's great Ignorance in Politicks. The Learning of that Country very imperfect and confined. Their Laws, and military Affairs, and Parties in the State.

NOTHING but an extreme Love of Truth could have hinder'd me from concealing this part of my Story. It was in vain to discover my Resentments, which were always turned into Ridicule; and I was forced to rest with Patience while my noble and most beloved Country was so injuriously treated. I am heartily sorry as any of my Readers can possibly be, that such an Occasion was given: But this Prince happened to be so curious and inquisitive

quiſitive upon every Particular, that it could not conſiſt either with Gratitude or good Manners to refuſe giving him what Satisfaction I was able. Yet thus much I may be allowed to ſay in my own Vindication, that I artfully eluded many of his Queſtions, and gave to every Point a more favourable Turn by many Degrees than the ſtrictneſs of Truth would allow. For I have always borne that laudable Partiality to my own Country, which *Dionyſius Halicarnaſſenſis* with ſo much Juſtice recommends to an Hiſtorian: I would hide the Frailties and Deformities of my political Mother, and place her Virtues and Beauties in the moſt advantageous Light. 'This was my ſincere Endeavour in thoſe many Diſcourſes I had with that Monarch, although it unfortunately failed of Succeſs.

BUT great Allowances ſhould be given to a King who lives wholly ſecluded from the reſt of the World, and muſt therefore be altogether unacquainted with the

the Manners and Cuſtoms that moſt prevail in other Nations: The want of which Knowledge will ever produce many *Prejudices*, and a certain *narrowneſs of Thinking*, from which we and the politer Countries of *Europe* are wholly exempted. And it would be hard, indeed, if ſo remote a Prince's notions of Virtue and Vice were to be offered as a Standard for all Mankind.

To confirm what I have now ſaid, and further, to ſhew the miſerable effects of a *confined Education*, I ſhall here inſert a paſſage which will hardly obtain Belief. In hopes to ingratiate my ſelf farther into his Majeſty's Favour, I told him of an Invention diſcovered between three and four hundred Years ago, to make a certain Powder, into an heap of which the ſmalleſt Spark of Fire falling, would kindle the whole in a moment, although it were as big as a Mountain, and make it all fly up in the Air together, with a Noiſe and Agitation greater

greater than Thunder. That a proper quantity of this Powder rammed into an hollow Tube of Braſs or Iron, according to its Bigneſs, would drive a Ball of Iron or Lead with ſuch Violence and Speed, as nothing was able to ſuſtain its Force. That the largeſt Balls thus diſcharged, would not only deſtroy whole Ranks of an Army at once, but batter the ſtrongeſt Walls to the Ground, ſink down Ships, with a thouſand Men in each, to the bottom of the Sea; and, when linked together by a Chain, would cut through Maſts and Rigging, divide hundreds of Bodies in the middle, and lay all waſte before them. That we often put this Powder into large hollow Balls of Iron, and diſcharged them by an Engine into ſome City we were beſieging, which would rip up the Pavements, tear the Houſes to pieces, burſt and throw Splinters on every ſide, daſhing out the Brains of all who came near. That I knew the Ingredients very well, which were cheap, and common; I underſtood

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the manner of compounding them, and could direct his Workmen how to make those Tubes of a size proportionable to all other things in his Majesty's Kingdom, and the largest need not be above an hundred foot long; twenty or thirty of which Tubes, charged with the proper quantity of Powder and Balls, would batter down the Walls of the strongest Town in his Dominions in a few Hours, or destroy the whole Metropolis, if ever it should pretend to dispute his absolute Commands. This I humbly offered to his Majesty as a small Tribute of Acknowledgment in Return of so many Marks that I had received of his Royal Favour and Protection.

THE King was struck with Horror at the Description I had given of those terrible Engines, and the Proposal I had made. He was amazed how so impotent and groveling an Insect as I (these were his Expressions) could entertain such inhuman Ideas, and in so familiar

a manner as to appear wholly unmoved at all the Scenes of Blood and Deſolation, which I had painted as the common effects of thoſe deſtructive Machines, whereof he ſaid, ſome evil Genius, Enemy to Mankind, muſt have been the firſt Contriver. As for himſelf, he proteſted, that although few things delighted him ſo much as new Diſcoveries in Art or in Nature, yet he would rather loſe half his Kingdom than be privy to ſuch a Secret, which he commanded me, as I valued my Life, never to mention any more.

A STRANGE effect of *narrow Principles* and *ſhort Views!* that a Prince poſſeſſed of every Quality which procures Veneration, Love, and Eſteem; of ſtrong Parts, great Wiſdom, and profound Learning, endued with admirable Talents for Government, and almoſt adored by his Subjects, ſhould from a *nice unneceſſary Scruple*, whereof in *Europe* we can have no Conception, let ſlip an Opportunity put

put into his hands, that would have made him abſolute Maſter of the Lives, the Liberties, and the Fortunes of his People. Neither do I ſay this with the leaſt intention to detract from the many Virtues of that excellent King, whoſe Character I am ſenſible, will, on this account, be very much leſſened in the Opinion of an Engliſh Reader: But I take this Defect among them to have riſen from their Ignorance, they not having hitherto reduced Politicks into a Science, as the more acute Wits of *Europe* have done. For I remember very well, in a Diſcourſe one day with the King, when I happened to ſay there were ſeveral thouſand Books among us written upon the *Art of Government*, it gave him (directly contrary to my Intention) a very mean Opinion of our Underſtandings. He profeſſed both to abominate and deſpiſe all *Myſtery*, *Refinement*, and *Intrigue*, either in a Prince or a Miniſter. He could not tell what I meant by *Secrets of State*, where an Enemy or ſome Rival

rival Nation were not in the Caſe. He confined the Knowledge of Governing within very *narrow Bounds*, to common Senſe and Reaſon, to Juſtice and Lenity, to the ſpeedy Determination of civil and criminal Cauſes; with ſome other obvious Topicks which are not worth conſidering. And, he gave it for his Opinion, that whoever could make two Ears of Corn, or two Blades of Graſs, to grow upon a Spot of Ground where only one grew before, would deſerve better of Mankind, and do more eſſential Service to his Country than the whole race of Politicians put together.

THE Learning of this People is very defective, conſiſting only in Morality, Hiſtory, Poetry, and Mathematicks, wherein they muſt be allowed to excel. But, the laſt of theſe is wholly applied to what may be uſeful in Life, to the Improvement of Agriculture and all mechanical Arts; ſo that among us it would be little eſteemed. And as to Ideas, Entities, Abſtractions

ſtraction and Tranſcendentals, I could never drive the leaſt Conception into their Heads.

No Law of that Country muſt exceed in words the number of Letters in their Alphabet, which conſiſts only in two and twenty. But, indeed, few of them extend even to that Length. They are expreſſed in the moſt plain and ſimple Terms, wherein thoſe People are not mercurial enough to diſcover above one Interpretation: And to write a Comment upon any Law is a capital Crime. As to the Deciſion of civil Cauſes, or Proceedings againſt Criminals, their Precedents are ſo few, that they have little Reaſon to boaſt of any extraordinary Skill in either.

They have had the Art of Printing, as well as the *Chineſe*, time out of mind: But their Libraries are not very large; for that of the King's, which is reckoned the biggeſt, doth not amount to above a thouſand Volumes, placed in a Gallery of twelve hundeed Foot long

from whence I had Liberty to borrow what Books I pleaſed. The Queen's Joiner had contrived in one of *Glumdalclitch*'s Rooms a kind of wooden Machine five and twenty foot high, formed like a ſtanding Ladder, the Steps were each fifty foot long: It was indeed a moveable pair of Stairs, the loweſt end placed at ten foot diſtance from the Wall of the Chamber. The Book I had a mind to read was put up leaning againſt the Wall: I firſt mounted to the upper Step of the Ladder, and turning my Face towards the Book, began at the top of the Page, and ſo walking to the right and left about eight or ten Paces, according to the length of the Lines, till I had gotten a little below the Level of mine Eyes, and then deſcending gradually till I came to the bottom: After which I mounted again, and began the other Page in the ſame manner, and ſo turned over the Leaf, which I could eaſily do with both my Hands, for it was as thick and ſtiff as a Paſte-board, and in

the largeſt Folio's not above eighteen or twenty foot long.

THEIR Stile is clear, maſculine, and ſmooth, but not florid; for they avoid nothing more than multiplying unneceſſary Words, or uſing various Expreſſions. I have peruſed many of their Books, eſpecially thoſe in Hiſtory and Morality. Among the reſt I was much diverted with a little old Treatiſe, which always lay in *Glumdalclitch*'s Bed-Chamber, and belonged to her Governeſs, a grave elderly Gentlewoman, who dealt in Writings of Morality and Devotion. The Book treats of the Weakneſs of Human Kind, and is in little Eſteem, except among the Women and the Vulgar. However, I was curious to ſee what an Author of that Country could ſay upon ſuch a Subject. This Writer went through all the uſual Topicks of *European* Moraliſts, ſhewing how diminutive, contemptible, and helpleſs an Animal was Man in his own Nature;

how unable to defend himſelf from Inclemencies of the Air, or the Fury of wild Beaſts: How much he was excelled by one Creature in Strength, by another in Speed, by a third in Foreſight, by a fourth in Induſtry. He added, that Nature was degenerated in theſe latter declining Ages of the World, and could now produce only ſmall abortive Births in compariſon of thoſe in ancient Times. He ſaid, it was very reaſonable to think, not only that the Species of Man were originally much larger, but alſo, that there muſt have been Giants in former Ages, which, as it is aſſerted by Hiſtory and Tradition, ſo it hath been confirmed by huge Bones and Skulls caſually dug up in ſeveral Parts of the Kingdom, far exceeding the common dwindled race of Man in our Days. He argued, that the very Laws of Nature abſolutely required we ſhould have been made in the beginning, of a ſize more large and robuſt, not ſo liable to Deſtruction from every little accident of a Tile

Tile falling from an Houſe, or a Stone caſt from the Hand of a Boy, or of being drowned in a little Brook. From this way of Reaſoning, the Author drew ſeveral moral Applications uſeful in the Conduct of Life, but needleſs here to repeat. For my own part, I could not avoid reflecting how univerſally this Talent was ſpread, of drawing Lectures in Morality, or, indeed, rather Matter of Diſcontent and Repining, from the Quarrels we raiſe with Nature. And, I believe, upon a ſtrict Enquiry, thoſe Quarrels might be ſhewn as ill grounded among us, as they are among that People.

As to their Military Affairs, they boaſt that the King's Army conſiſts of an hundred and ſeventy ſix thouſand Foot, and thirty two thouſand Horſe: If that may be called an Army which is made up of Tradeſmen in the ſeveral Cities, and Farmers in the Country, whoſe Commanders are only the Nobility and Gentry, without Pay or Reward. They are,

indeed, perfect enough in their Exercises, and under very good Discipline, wherein I saw no great Merit; for how should it be otherwise, where every Farmer is under the Command of his own Landlord, and every Citizen under that of the principal Men in his own City, chosen after the manner of *Venice* by *Ballot*?

I have often seen the Militia of *Lorbrulgrud* drawn out to exercise in a great Field near the City, of twenty Miles square. They were, in all, not above twenty five thousand Foot, and six thousand Horse; but it was impossible for me to compute their Number, considering the space of Ground they took up. A Cavalier mounted on a large Steed might be about an hundred foot high. I have seen this whole Body of Horse, upon a Word of Command, draw their Swords at once, and brandish them in the Air. Imagination can figure nothing so grand, so surprising, and so astonishing! It looked as if ten thousand Flashes of Light-

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ning were darting at the ſame Time from every Quarter of the Sky.

I was curious to know how this Prince, to whoſe Dominions there is no Acceſs from any other Country, came to think of Armies, or to teach his People the Practice of military Diſcipline. But I was ſoon informed, both by Converſation, and reading their Hiſtories: For, in the Courſe of many Ages they have been troubled with the ſame Diſeaſe to which ſo many other Governments are ſubject; the Nobility often contending for Power, the People for Liberty, and the King for abſolute Dominion. All which, however happily tempered by the Laws of the Kingdom, have been ſometimes violated by each of the three Parties, and have once or more occaſioned Civil Wars, the laſt whereof was happily put an End to by this Prince's Grandfather by a general Compoſition; and the Militia, then ſettled with common Conſent, hath been ever ſince kept in the ſtricteſt Duty.

CHAP. VIII.

The King and Queen make a Progreſs to the Frontiers. The Author attends them. The manner in which he leaves the Country very particularly related. He returns to England.

HAD always a ſtrong Impulſe that I ſhould ſome time recover my Liberty, though it was impoſſible to conjecture by what Means, or to form any project with the leaſt Hope of ſucceeding. The Ship in which I ſailed was the firſt ever known to be driven within ſight of that Coaſt, and the King had given ſtrict Orders, that if at any time another appeared, it ſhould be taken aſhore, and, with all its Crew and Paſſengers, brought in a Tumbril to *Lorbrulgrud*. He was ſtrongly bent to get me a Woman of my own Size, by whom

whom I might propagate the Breed: But, I think, I ſhould rather have died than undergone the Diſgrace of leaving a Poſterity to be kept in Cages like tame Canary Birds, and perhaps, in time, ſold about the Kingdom to Perſons of Quality for Curioſities. I was, indeed, treated with much Kindneſs: I was the Favourite of a great King and Queen, and the Delight of the whole Court, but it was upon ſuch a foot as ill became the Dignity of human Kind. I could never forget thoſe domeſtick Pledges I had left behind me. I wanted to be among People with whom I could converſe upon even Terms, and walk about the Streets and Fields without fear of being trod to Death like a Frog or a young Puppy. But my Deliverance came ſooner than I expected, and, in a manner, not very common: The whole Story and Circumſtances of which I ſhall faithfully relate.

I had now been two Years in this

Country; and, about the beginning of the third, *Glumdalclitch* and I attended the King and Queen in a Progreſs to the South Coaſt of the Kingdom. I was carried, as uſual, in my Travelling-Box, which, as I have already deſcribed, was a very convenient Cloſet of twelve foot wide. And I had ordered a Hammock to be fixed, by ſilken Ropes, from the four Corners at the top, to break the Jolts, when a Servant carried me before him on Horſeback, as I ſometimes deſired, and would often ſleep in my Hammock while we were upon the Road. On the Roof of my Cloſet, not directly over the middle of the Hammock, I ordered the Joyner to cut out a Hole of a foot ſquare, to give me Air in hot Weather, as I ſlept; which Hole I ſhut, at Pleaſure, with a Board that drew backwards and forwards through a Groove.

WHEN we came to our Journey's end, the King thought proper to paſs a few days at a Palace he hath near *Flanflaſnic*, a City

a City within eighteen *Engliſh* Miles of the Sea-ſide. *Glumdalclitch* and I were much fatigued; I had gotten a ſmall Cold, but the poor Girl was ſo ill as to be confined to her Chamber. I longed to ſee the Ocean, which muſt be the only Scene of my Eſcape, if ever it ſhould happen. I pretended to be worſe than I really was, and deſired Leave to take the freſh Air of the Sea, with a Page whom I was very fond of, and who had ſometimes been truſted with me. I ſhall never forget with what unwillingneſs *Glumdalclitch* conſented, nor the ſtrict charge ſhe gave the Page to be careful of me, burſting at the ſame time into a flood of Tears, as if ſhe had ſome Foreboding of what was to happen. The Boy took me out in my Box about half an hour's Walk from the Palace towards the Rocks on the Sea-ſhore. I ordered him to ſet me down, and lifting up one of my Saſhes, caſt many a wiſtful melancholy look towards the Sea. I found my ſelf not very well, and told the Page that

that I had a mind to take a nap in my Hammock, which I hoped would do me good. I got in, and the Boy ſhut the Window cloſe down to keep out the cold. I ſoon fell aſleep, and all I can conjecture is, that while I ſlept, the Page, thinking no Danger could happen, went among the Rocks to look for Bird's Eggs, having before obſerved him from my Window ſearching about, and picking up one or two in the Clefts. Be that as it will, I found my ſelf ſuddenly awaked with a violent Pull upon the Ring which was faſtned at the top of my Box for the Conveniency of Carriage. I felt my Box raiſed very high in the Air, and then born forward with prodigious Speed. The firſt Jolt had like to have ſhaken me out of my Hammock, but afterwards the Motion was eaſy enough. I called out ſeveral times, as loud as I could raiſe my Voice, but all to no Purpoſe. I looked towards my Windows, and could ſee nothing but the Clouds and Sky. I heard a noiſe juſt over my Head like the clapping

ping of Wings, and then began to perceive the woful Condition I was in, that ſome Eagle had got the Ring of my Box in his Beak, with an intent to let it fall on a Rock like a Tortoiſe in a Shell, and then pick out my Body, and devour it. For the Sagacity and Smell of this Bird enable him to diſcover his Quarry at a great Diſtance, though better concealed than I could be within a two-inch Board.

In a little time I obſerved the noiſe and flutter of Wings to increaſe very faſt, and my Box was toſſed up and down like a Sign-poſt in a windy Day. I heard ſeveral Bangs or Buffets, as I thought, given to the Eagle, (for ſuch I am certain it muſt have been that held the Ring of my Box in his Beak,) and then all on a ſudden felt my ſelf falling perpendicularly down for above a minute, but with ſuch incredible ſwiftneſs that I almoſt loſt my Breath. My Fall was ſtopped by a terrible Squaſh, that ſounded louder to mine

mine Ears than the Cataract of *Niagara*; after which I was quite in the dark for another Minute, and then my Box began to riſe ſo high that I could ſee Light from the tops of my Windows. I now perceived that I was fallen into the Sea. My Box, by the Weight of my Body, the Goods that were in, and the broad Plates of Iron fixed for Strength at the four Corners of the top and bottom, floated above five foot deep in Water. I did then, and do now ſuppoſe that the Eagle which flew away with my Box was purſued by two or three others, and forced to let me drop while he was defending himſelf againſt the reſt, who hoped to ſhare in the Prey. The Plates of Iron faſten'd at the bottom of the Box, (for thoſe were the ſtrongeſt,) preſerved the Balance while it fell, and hinder'd it from being broken on the Surface of the Water. Every Joint of it was well grooved; and the Door did not move on Hinges, but up and down like a Saſh, which kept my Cloſet ſo tight that very

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little Water came in. I got with much Difficulty out of my Hammock, having firſt ventured to draw back the Slip-board on the Roof already mentioned, contrived on purpoſe to let in Air, for want of which I found my ſelf almoſt ſtifled.

How often did I then wiſh my ſelf with my dear *Glumdalclitch*, from whom one ſingle hour had ſo far divided me! And I may ſay, with Truth, that in the midſt of my own Misfortunes I could not forbear lamenting my poor Nurſe, the Grief ſhe would ſuffer for my Loſs, the Diſpleaſure of the Queen, and the Ruin of her Fortune. Perhaps many Travellers have not been under greater Difficulties and Diſtreſs than I was at this Juncture, expecting every moment to ſee my Box daſhed in pieces, or at leaſt overſet by the firſt violent Blaſt, or a riſing Wave. A Breach in one ſingle Pane of Glaſs would have been immediate Death: Nor could any thing have preſerved the Windows

Windows but the ſtrong Lattice-Wires placed on the out-ſide againſt Accidents in Travelling. I ſaw the Water ooze in at ſeveral Crannies, although the Leaks were not conſiderable, and I endeavoured to ſtop them as well as I could. I was not able to lift up the Roof of my Cloſet, which otherwiſe I certainly ſhould have done, and ſat on the Top of it, where I might, at leaſt, preſerve my ſelf ſome hours longer than by being ſhut up, as I may call it, in the Hold. Or if I eſcaped theſe Dangers for a day or two, what could I expect but a miſerable Death of Cold and Hunger! I was four hours under theſe Circumſtances, expecting, and indeed wiſhing, every moment to be my laſt.

I HAVE already told the Reader, that there were two ſtrong Staples fixed upon that ſide of my Box which had no Window, and into which the Servant who uſed to carry me on horſeback would put a leathern Belt, and buckle it about his Waſte.

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Being in this diſconſolate ſtate, I heard, or at leaſt thought I heard ſome kind of grating Noiſe on that ſide of my Box where the Staples were fixed, and ſoon after I began to fancy that the Box was pulled or towed along in the Sea; for I now and then felt a ſort of tugging, which made the Waves riſe near the tops of my Windows, leaving me almoſt in the dark. This gave me ſome faint hopes of Relief; although I was not able to imagine how it could be brought about. I ventured to unſcrew one of my Chairs, which were always faſtned to the Floor; and having made a hard ſhift to ſcrew it down again directly under the ſlipping Board that I had lately opened, I mounted on the Chair, and putting my Mouth as near as I could to the Hole, I called for Help in a loud Voice, and in all the Languages I underſtood. I then faſtned my Handkerchief to a Stick I uſually carried, and thruſting it up the Hole, waved it ſeveral times in the Air, that if any Boat or Ship were near, the

Seamen might conjecture ſome unhappy Mortal to be ſhut up in this Box.

I FOUND no Effect from all I could do, but plainly perceived my Cloſet to be moved along; and in the ſpace of an hour, or better, that ſide of the Box where the Staples were, and had no Window, ſtruck againſt ſomething that was hard. I apprehended it to be a Rock, and found my ſelf toſſed more than ever. I plainly heard a noiſe upon the cover of my Cloſet, like that of a Cable, and the grating of it as it paſſed through the Ring. I then found my ſelf hoiſted up by degrees, at leaſt three foot higher than I was before. Whereupon I again thruſt up my Stick and Handkerchief, calling for help till I was almoſt hoarſe. In return to which, I heard a great ſhout repeated three times, giving me ſuch tranſports of Joy, as are not to be conceived but by thoſe who feel them. I now heard a trampling over my Head, and ſomebody calling

ling through the hole with a loud Voice in the *Engliſh* Tongue, If there be any Body below, let them ſpeak. I anſwered, I was an *Engliſhman*, drawn by ill fortune into the greateſt Calamity that ever any Creature underwent, and begged, by all that was moving, to be delivered out of the Dungeon I was in. The Voice replied, I was ſafe, for my Box was faſten'd to their Ship; and the Carpenter ſhould immediately come and ſaw an Hole in the Cover, large enough to pull me out. I anſwered, that was needleſs, and would take up too much time, for there was no more to be done, but let one of the Crew put his Finger into the Ring, and take the Box out of the Sea into the Ship, and ſo into the Captain's Cabbin. Some of them upon hearing me talk ſo wildly, thought I was mad; others laughed; for indeed it never came into my head that I was now got among People of my own Stature and Strength. The Carpenter came, and in a few minutes ſaw-

ed a Paſſage about four foot ſquare, then let down a ſmall Ladder, upon which I mounted, and from thence was taken into the Ship in a very weak Condition.

THE Sailors were all in Amazement, and asked me a thouſand Queſtions, which I had no inclination to anſwer. I was equally confounded at the ſight of ſo many Pigmies, for ſuch I took them to be, after having ſo long accuſtomed mine Eyes to the monſtrous Objects I had left. But the Captain, Mr. *Thomas Wilcocks*, an honeſt worthy *Shropſhire* Man, obſerving I was ready to faint, took me into his Cabbin, gave me a Cordial to comfort me, and made me *turn in* upon his own Bed, adviſing me to take a little Reſt, of which I had great need. Before I went to ſleep I gave him to underſtand that I had ſome valuable Furniture in my Box, too good to be loſt; a fine Hammock, an handſome Field-Bed, two Chairs, a Table, and a Cabinet.

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That my Closet was hung on all sides, or rather quilted, with Silk and Cotton: That if he would let one of the Crew bring my Closet into his Cabbin, I would open it there before him, and shew him my Goods. The Captain hearing me utter these Absurdities, concluded I was raving: However, (I suppose to pacify me,) he promised to give Order as I desired, and going upon Deck sent some of his Men down into my Closet, from whence (as I afterwards found) they drew up all my Goods, and stripped off the Quilting; but the Chairs, Cabinet and Bedsted being screwed to the Floor, were much damaged by the ignorance of the Seamen, who tore them up by force. Then they knocked off some of the Boards for the use of the Ship, and when they had got all they had a mind for, let the Hulk drop into the Sea, which by reason of many Breaches made in the Bottom and Sides, sunk to rights. And indeed I was glad not to have been a Spectator of the Havock they made; be-

cauſe I am confident it would have ſenſibly touched me, by bringing former Paſſages into my Mind, which I had rather forget.

I SLEPT ſome hours, but perpetually diſturbed with Dreams of the Place I had left, and the Dangers I had eſcaped. However, upon waking I found my ſelf much recovered. It was now about eight a-clock at Night, and the Captain ordered Supper immediately, thinking I had already faſted too long. He entertained me with great kindneſs, obſerving me not to look wildly, or talk inconſiſtently; and when we were left alone, deſired I would give him a Relation of my Travels, and by what Accident I came to be ſet adrift in that monſtrous wooden Cheſt. He ſaid, that about twelve a-clock at Noon, as he was looking through his Glaſs, he ſpied it at a diſtance, and thought it was a Sail, which he had a mind to make, being not much out of his Courſe, in hopes

hopes of buying ſome Biſket, his own beginning to fall ſhort. That upon coming nearer, and finding his error, he ſent out his Long-boat to diſcover what I was; that his Men came back in a fright, ſwearing they had ſeen a ſwimming Houſe. That he laughed at their Folly, and went himſelf in the Boat, ordering his Men to take a ſtrong Cable along with them. That the Weather being calm, he rowed round me ſeveral times, obſerved my Windows, and the Wire-lattices that defended them. That he diſcovered two Staples upon one ſide, which was all of Boards, without any paſſage for Light. He then commanded his Men to row up to that ſide, and faſtening a Cable to one of the Staples, ordered them to tow my Cheſt (as they called it) towards the Ship. When it was there, he gave directions to faſten another Cable to the Ring fixed in the Cover, and to raiſe up my Cheſt with Pullies, which all the Sailors were not able to do above two or three foot. He

ſaid, they ſaw my Stick and Handkerchief thruſt out of the Hole, and concluded that ſome unhappy Man muſt be ſhut up in the Cavity. I asked whether he or the Crew had ſeen any prodigious Birds in the Air about the time he firſt diſcovered me. To which he anſwered, that diſcourſing this matter with the Sailors while I was aſleep, one of them ſaid he had *obſerved* three Eagles flying towards the North, but remarked nothing of their being larger than the uſual ſize, which I ſuppoſe muſt be imputed to the great height they were at; and he could not gueſs the reaſon of my Queſtion. I then asked the Captain how far he reckoned we might be from Land; he ſaid, by the beſt Computation he could make, we were at leaſt an hundred Leagues. I aſſured him, that he muſt be miſtaken by almoſt half, for I had not left the Country from whence I came above two hours before I dropt into the Sea. Whereupon he began again to think that my Brain was diſturbed,

ed, of which he gave me a hint, and adviſed me to go to Bed in a Cabbin he had provided. I aſſured him I was well refreſhed with his good Entertainment and Company, and as much in my Senſes as ever I was in my Life. He then grew ſerious, and deſired to ask me freely whether I were not troubled in mind by the Conſciouſneſs of ſome enormous Crime, for which I was puniſhed at the Command of ſome Prince, by expoſing me in that Cheſt, as great Criminals in other Countries have been forced to Sea in a leaky Veſſel without Proviſions: For although he ſhould be ſorry to have taken ſo ill a Man into his Ship, yet he would engage his Word to ſet me ſafe on Shore in the firſt Port where we arrived. He added, that his Suſpicions were much increaſed by ſome very abſurd Speeches I had delivered at firſt to the Sailors, and afterwards to himſelf, in relation to my Cloſet or Cheſt, as well as by my odd Looks and Behaviour while I was at Supper.

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I BEGGED his Patience to hear me tell my Story, which I faithfully did from the laſt time I left *England* to the moment he firſt diſcovered me. And as Truth always forceth its way into rational Minds, ſo this honeſt worthy Gentleman, who had ſome tincture of Learning, and very good Senſe, was immediately convinced of my Candour and Veracity. But further to confirm all I had ſaid, I entreated him to give order that my Cabinet ſhould be brought, of which I had the Key in my Pocket, (for he had already informed me how the Seamen diſpoſed of my Cloſet.) I opened it in his own Preſence, and ſhewed him the ſmall collection of Rarities I made in the Country from whence I had been ſo ſtrangely delivered. There was the Comb I had contrived out of the Stumps of the King's Beard, and another of the ſame Materials, but fixed into a Paring of her Majeſty's Thumb-nail, which ſerved for the Back. There was a collection of Needles and Pins from a foot

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to half a yard long; four Waſp-ſtings, like Joiners Tacks; ſome Combings of the Queen's Hair; a gold Ring which one day ſhe made me a Preſent of in a moſt obliging manner, taking it from her little Finger, and throwing it over my Head like a Collar. I deſired the Captain would pleaſe to accept this Ring, in return of his Civilities; which he abſolutely refuſed. I ſhewed him a Corn that I had cut off with my own Hand, from a Maid of Honour's Toe; it was about the bigneſs of a *Kentiſh* Pippin, and grown ſo hard, that when I returned to *England*, I got it hollowed into a Cup, and ſet in Silver. Laſtly, I deſired him to ſee the Breeches I had then on, which were made of a Mouſe's Skin.

I COULD force nothing on him but a Footman's Tooth, which I obſerved him to examine with great Curioſity, and found he had a fancy for it. He received it with abundance of Thanks,

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more than ſuch a Trifle could deſerve. It was drawn by an unskilful Surgeon, in a Miſtake, from one of *Glumdalclitch*'s Men, who was afflicted with the Tooth-ach, but it was as ſound as any in his Head. I got it cleaned, and put it into my Cabinet. It was about a foot long, and four inches in Diameter.

THE Captain was very well ſatisfied with this plain Relation I had given him, and ſaid, he hoped when we returned to *England*, I would oblige the World by putting it in Paper, and making it publick. My Anſwer was, That I thought we were already over-ſtocked with Books of Travels: That nothing could now paſs which was not extraordinary; wherein I doubted ſome Authors leſs conſulted Truth than their own Vanity, or Intereſt, or the Diverſion of ignorant Readers. That my Story could contain little beſides common Events, without thoſe ornamental Deſcriptions of

of ſtrange Plants, Trees, Birds and other Animals, or of the barbarous Cuſtoms and Idolatry of ſavage People, with which moſt Writers abound. However, I thanked him for his good Opinion, and promiſed to take the Matter into my Thoughts.

He ſaid, he wondered at one thing very much, which was, to hear me ſpeak ſo loud, asking me whether the King or Queen of that Country were thick of hearing. I told him, it was what I had been uſed to for above two Years paſt; and that I admired as much at the Voices of him and his Men, who ſeemed to me only to whiſper, and yet I could hear them well enough. But when I ſpoke in that Country, it was like a Man talking in the Street to another looking out from the top of a Steeple, unleſs when I was placed on a Table, or held in any Perſon's Hand. I told him, I had likewiſe obſerved another thing, that when I firſt got

into the Ship, and the Sailors ſtood all about me, I thought they were the moſt little contemptible Creatures I had ever beheld. For, indeed, while I was in that Prince's Country, I could never endure to look in a Glaſs after mine Eyes had been accuſtomed to ſuch prodigious Objects, becauſe the Compariſon gave me ſo deſpicable a Conceit of my ſelf. The Captain ſaid, that while we were at Supper, he obſerved me to look at every Thing with a ſort of Wonder, and that I often ſeemed hardly able to contain my Laughter, which he knew not well how to take, but imputed it to ſome diſorder in my Brain. I anſwered, it was very true; and I wondered how I could forbear, when I ſaw his Diſhes of the ſize of a ſilver Threepence, a Leg of Pork hardly a Mouthful, a Cup not ſo big as a Nutſhell, and ſo I went on, deſcribing the reſt of his Houſhold-ſtuff and Proviſions after the ſame Manner. For although the Queen had ordered a little Equipage of all

all things neceſſary while I was in her Service, yet my Ideas was wholly taken up with what I ſaw on every ſide of me, and winked at my own Littleneſs as People do at their own Faults. The Captain underſtood my Raillery very well, and merrily replied with the old *Engliſh* Proverb, that he doubted mine Eyes were bigger than my Belly, for he did not obſerve my Stomach ſo good, although I had faſted all Day; and continuing in his Mirth, proteſted he would have gladly given an hundred Pounds to have ſeen my Cloſet in the Eagle's Bill, and afterwards in its fall from ſo great an height into the Sea; which would certainly have been a moſt aſtoniſhing Object, worthy to have the Deſcription of it tranſmitted to future Ages: And the Compariſon of *Phaeton* was ſo obvious, that he could not forbear applying it, although I did not much admire Conceit.

THE Captain having been at *Tonquin*

was in his return to *England* driven North eastward to the Latitude of 44 Degrees, and of Longitude 143. But meeting a Trade Wind two Days after I came on board him, we sailed Southward a long time, and coasting *New-Holland* kept our course West-south-west, and then South-south-west till we doubled the *Cape of Good-hope*. Our Voyage was very prosperous, but I shall not trouble the Reader with a Journal of it. The Captain called in at one or two Ports and sent in his Long-boat for Provisions and fresh Water, but I never went out of the Ship till we came into the Downs, which was on the 3d. Day of *June* 1706, about nine Months after my Escape. I offered to leave my Goods in Security for Payment of my Freight; but the Captain protested he would not receive one Farthing. We took kind leave of each other, and I made him promise he would come to see me at my House in *Redriff*. I hired a Horse and Guide for five Shillings, which I borrowed of the Captain.

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As I was on the Road, obſerving the Littleneſs of the Houſes, the Trees, the Cattle and the People, I began to think my ſelf in *Lilliput*. I was afraid of trampling on every Traveller I met, and often called aloud to have them ſtand out of the way, ſo that I had like to have gotten one or two broken Heads for my Impertinence.

When I came to my own Houſe, for which I was forced to enquire, one of the Servants opening the Door, I bent down to go in (like a Gooſe under a Gate) for fear of ſtriking my Head. My Wife ran out to embrace me, but I ſtooped lower than her knees, thinking ſhe could otherwiſe never be able to reach my Mouth. My Daughter kneeled to ask me bleſſing, but I could not ſee her till ſhe aroſe, having been ſo long uſed to ſtand with my Head and Eyes erect to above ſixty foot; and then I went to take her up with one Hand, by the Waſte. I

looked down upon the Servants and one or two Friends who were in the Houſe, as if they had been Pigmies, and I a Giant. I told my Wife ſhe had been too thrifty, for I found ſhe had ſtarved herſelf and her Daughter to nothing. In ſhort, I behaved my ſelf ſo unaccountably, that they were all of the Captain's Opinion when he firſt ſaw me, and concluded I had loſt my Wits. This I mention as an Inſtance of the great Power of Habit and Prejudice.

IN a little time I and my Family and Friends came to a right underſtanding: But my Wife proteſted I ſhould never go to Sea any more; although my evil Deſtiny ſo ordered that ſhe had not Power to hinder me, as the Reader may know hereafter. In the mean time I here conclude the ſecond Part of my unfortunate Voyages.

The End of the Firſt Volume.

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